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## Official urges city to plan for shoreline

Environmentalists, developer may be asked to halt their battle over Albany's waterfront

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

The Albany city attorney is proposing that the city conduct independent planning process of the waterfront, provided the factions now competing over

the area suspend their efforts.

On May 1, city attorney Robert Zweben will present the proposal to the City Council. As part of the plan, Zweben wants developer Rick Caruso to delay his effort to build a mall and housing development on parking lots at Golden Gate Fields.

Zweben is also asking local environmental groups to discontinue their effort to place an initiative on the November ballot that would likely prevent

Caruso's project and establish a separate vision for the waterfront.

"Ideally," Zweben said, "I think it would be better and more straightforward if there was no initiative in play and no application which would end up being a lightning rod for disagreement and dissension within the community."

In response to the idea, Robert Cheasty said the environmental groups that he leads would consider dropping their initiative ef-

fort, but only if Caruso stops his campaign to convince Albany voters to support the proposed development, according to an April 17 letter to the council.

"It makes some sense," Cheasty told The Journal. "Having a process that's city-driven will kind of call the bluff of everybody who says 'We just want fair process.'"

Matt Middlebrook, an executive with Caruso Affiliated, said he had not heard about the proposal.

"We haven't been contacted by Robert Cheasty and we haven't been contacted by the city, and we're proceeding with our development application as we have been," he said.

The council declined to move forward with its own waterfront planning several weeks ago. But that was before the idea of convincing Caruso and the environmentalists to drop or delay their plans, Vice Mayor Farid Javandel said.

"This eliminates the whole issue of competing processes," Javandel said, "and creates an opportunity for one city-run planning process for the whole waterfront."

Members of Citizens for East Shore Parks, Citizens for the Albany Shoreline and the Sierra Club have been gathering signatures in an effort to place the initiative on the November ballot.

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## Letter writers help save beloved goats

Planning Commission votes to use a permit so the animals can continue living with the Linsinger family

By Martin Snapp  
STAFF WRITER

Vladimir and Tinsel can breathe a little easier. The city of El Cerrito says they can stay.

Vladimir — Vlad to his intimates — Tinsel are 6-year-old, 200-pound goats who have lived their entire lives with Lynn Linsinger, associate professor of environmental science, policy and management at UC Berkeley, on The Arlington in El Cerrito hills.

Actually, they belong to her daughters, 15-year-old Genoa Starr and 16-year-old Carlin Starr, both students at St. Mary's in Berkeley.

Vlad is Genoa's goat, and Tinsel is Carlin's. If the girls walk in opposite directions, Vlad invariably follows Genoa and Tinsel follows Carlin.

The sweet-natured creatures are pure joy. If they could climb onto the girls' heads, they would.

On Wednesday, El Cerrito's Planning Commission voted to grant a use permit that the goats can continue living with the Linsinger family, thanks to a letter-writing campaign by the neighbors, with whom they share a common hillside.

"We were bombarded with letters, and a single one was a complaint," said Planning Manager Jennifer Carman. "People just love those goats."

David Gray and Nancy Warfield wrote: "We give us great pleasure when we see Vlad and Tinsel on our slope heartily munching on the grass. We know we won't be able to mail, haul and dispose of as much before the next fire season."

Next-door neighbors Lori Dair and Scott MacCoun added: "They also consume poison oak that would otherwise be a hazard to our children at risk. And our daughters, Madeline, 8, and Audrey, 4, adore them so much that they can look out our bal-



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

**SISTERS GENOA, 15, left, and Carlin Starrs, 16, hang out with their pet goats Vladimir and Tinsel at their home on The Arlington in El Cerrito. The goats will make their annual appearance at the Cal Day celebration at UC Berkeley on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where they will tow children around campus in their cart. Look for them at Sproul Plaza.**

cony and see the goats grazing on the hill."

Madeline and Audrey are small enough to ride on the goats' backs, which they do often. But their greatest thrill comes every Halloween, when Vlad and Tinsel tow all the children in the neighborhood from

door to door in an Amish goat cart.

"The only problem is that the kids usually refuse to get out of the cart, even to go trick-or-treating," said Dair. "When little kids would rather do something instead of getting candy, that tells you a lot."

Carman said the question of the goats' presence came up only because a city staffer happened to be in the neighborhood on other business and spotted Tinsel and Vlad munching away on the hillside.

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## Proposal for street closures advances

Albany will pay for an environmental report as part of plan to close roads leading to El Cerrito Plaza

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

Albany is moving forward with an effort to close four streets that lead to and from El Cerrito Plaza.

The City Council agreed this week to spend \$35,000 on studying the environmental effects of an amendment to the city's general plan that would allow the closure. A general plan amendment could take six to nine months.

According to a December study, the plan would result in "excessive long delays and vehicle queuing" at certain times at two intersections on San Pablo Avenue: at the Wells Fargo entrance in El Cerrito and at Brighton Avenue in Albany.

By 2025, that congestion would extend to San Pablo and Fairmount avenues in El Cerrito.

"We're trying to look and see if there's a way we can avoid having that impact," Albany Vice Mayor Farid Javandel said.

One option is to leave Kains Avenue as an entrance to El Cerrito Plaza while closing Talbot, Cornell and Evelyn avenues. The city would also look at preventing vehicles from driving south on Kains Avenue from Brighton as part of that plan.

The city is considering closing the streets in response to increased traffic on the south end of El Cerrito Plaza as well as a four-story condominium complex recently approved there.

Albany may work with the developer of the Creekside at El Cerrito Plaza project to offer vehicle access to a parking garage for the development through Evelyn Avenue, Javandel said.

At Monday's City Council meeting, residents were split about whether the city should close the streets, Javandel added.

Regency Centers, the primary owner of El Cerrito Plaza, opposes the street closures and says it would take legal action to stop the plan.

But Tom Engberg, the vice president of Regency, believes the environmental impacts will prevent the city from moving forward with the project.

He also believed the closures would affect Albany as much as El Cerrito.

"Needless to say, it wouldn't be good for the plaza," Engberg said. "Also, I think as a community matter, it's perhaps in the interest of the few at the expense of many. I think those streets are important for the plaza and for Albany residents who shop at El Cerrito Plaza."

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## El Cerrito counts votes on landscaping fee

City mailed 8,800 ballots, and property owners returned 3,700

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

The city of El Cerrito began counting ballots for an increase in its lighting and landscaping fee this week following a City Council meeting that drew a few critics of the proposal.

Resident Elizabeth Thorsnes complained that Monday's public hearing for the assessment was pointless since the deadline for submitting ballots was that night.

She also disliked that the lighting and landscaping assessment continues indefinitely, and may increase annually at the rate of inflation.

"I never sign blank checks," Thorsnes said, "and I don't like the city doing this to me."

Others complained that they couldn't afford the increase or that they believed the city's streetlights weren't being properly maintained.

For residential property owners, the

new assessment would increase by \$43 or \$31.50, depending on whether the lot size is greater or less than 5,000 square feet. Commercial property owners are asked to pay an increase based on their lot size.

The results of the election are expected to be known by early next week, and the council will certify the results at its May 1 meeting. The city mailed 8,800 ballots, and property owners returned 3,700.

The city asked property owners to increase the lighting and landscaping fees to keep up with inflation. Lighting and landscaping maintenance costs the city \$1.1 million annually.

The fees, which were implemented in 1988, now pay for just \$700,000 of that maintenance. The balance is covered by the general fund.

If voters approve the new fees, the \$400,000 in general fund money can go toward other city needs.

Resident Stephen Barton said the council was doing its best with an unfair tax system.

"I'm willing to pay more to keep the

town up," he said.

The council agreed and voted 4-0 to increase the amount paid on 47 parcels owned by the city and redevelopment agency. The council also authorized the creation of lighting and landscaping assessment No. 2006-1 that will go into effect if voters approve the new fees.

In a conference room Tuesday at City Hall, Sharon Hoffman of the engineering firm Leptien, Cronin, Cooper, Morris and Poore examined the ballots and entered each vote into a laptop computer.

City clerk Carol Jean Wilson opened the envelopes while Ryan Leptien matched each ballot's parcel number to those listed in an engineer's report. Manila ballots sat in stacks on a table, while chairs for potential spectators lined up in rows.

A majority vote is required. Votes equal the amount a property owner is asked to pay.

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

EL CERRITO city clerk Carol Jean Wilson, left, counts ballots while Ryan Leptien and Sharon Hoffman of LCC, a consulting firm from Martinez, tally addresses as the job of counting ballots for the city's landscape and lighting election continues in El Cerrito on Tuesday.

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# Neighbors

## Sister rises above abuse to become a role model

**H**APPY BIRTHDAY to my best friend — my sister, Ginger, who turned 60 Tuesday.

Yes, Ginger Snapp. It was the first of many cruelties my mother perpetrated on her. Our friendship was formed out of the shared catastrophe that was our childhood. We were abused in just about every way a child can be abused.

There were five kids in our family; Ginger was the youngest.

But even though she was a baby, she was the only one the guts to stand up to me.

I remember one family dinner when Ginger was only 7. Older sister, Susie, who was a junior in high school, asked Mom for permission to have a date that weekend. Mom was incapable of just saying no. She called Susie a foul name in the book. Susie just sat there in perfect humiliation, tears streaming down her cheeks.

Then Ginger quietly stood up and walked around the dinner table to Susie's chair, where she stood silently behind Susie the rest of the dinner as a measure of solidarity.

Ironically, all our friends were jealous of us because we thought we had such a "cool" mother. And all of us were complicit in maintaining that lie.

Except for Ginger. She realized that there was a way to live.

Abusers need to keep their victims isolated. So Mom would stay up all night to console us that the abuse was a fault.

It worked on me. If only I had figured out what I was doing, I thought, everything would be OK.

But Ginger kept reassuring that it wasn't my fault. As I grew up and got out of house, I finally realized I was right.

But that's not the end of the story. Ginger was not only the one to point the way out of the house, she was also the first to understand that you can't blame your whole life blaming your parents.

At some point, you have to take responsibility for yourself. Otherwise, you never grow up. You stay stuck in victim mode.



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

A common mistake many abuse victims make is to assume that just surviving is enough. They don't take the next step and look inside themselves to confront the scars of that abuse.

So they either become commitment-phobic, like me, or abusers themselves, like some of my siblings.

Ginger was brave enough to do that interior work. And whatever setbacks life has thrown at her, she's always picked herself up, dusted herself off, and tried again.

She's achieved great professional success as an organizational development consultant. She is a past president of the International Enneagram Association, and author of a best-selling book titled "Bringing Out The Best In Yourself At Work." (If you look at the section on Type 6 personalities, it's modeled on me.)

But her greatest achievement is that she became a wonderful mother in her own right. Her final gift to me has been to show me what real motherly love is like, and it's a beautiful thing.

After her son — my nephew, Tres — was born, she insisted on treating him with respect. He never got yelled at, much less spanked. Some people in my family criticized her because she was so nice to him.

And she doesn't have to fake the affection. She not only loves Tres; she likes him. And he knows it.

As a result, he's grown into a smart, funny, wise, compassionate and self-confident young man. He has tons of friends, but he's also perfectly happy with his own company.

Of course, Ginger would say all the credit goes to Tres. That's the way real mothers talk.

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## OF THE WEEK

**BERKELEY** — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

4-month-old male gray tabby domestic short hair; 6-month-old male gray Korat mix; 1-year-old female dilute tortoiseshell DSH; 6-month-old gray and white DSH; 3-month-old male black and white tabby DSH; 4-year-old male black domestic long hair; 6-year-old female tabby DSH; 2-year-old male orange and white DLH; 4-year-old female tabby DSH; 4-month-old male brown tabby DSH; 1-year-old female blue Norwegian forest mix; 1-year-old female gray tabby DSH; 1-year-old male black DSH; cats and kittens of various ages, sizes and breeds.

Two 4-month-old female black Labrador retriever mix; 1-year-old male black Boston terrier mix; 2-month-old female tan border terrier mix; 8-year-old black and tan mountain dog mix; 3-month-old female tricolor Australian shepherd mix; 11-month-old male white and brown border mix; 3-year-old female Keeshond mix; 11-month-old male black and tan border terrier mix; 2-year-old female border terrier mix; 1½-year-old male yellow Labrador mix; 1½-year-old female brown and white terrier mix; 5-year-old female black and tan Rotweiler/German shepherd mix.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$75. — Including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate vaccinations. There is an overnight hold. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 1900 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

**KERRY** is a 2-year-old female brown and white Airedale/terrier mix, and may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Because of her good nature, she would be a great companion for just about anyone, even first-time dog owners. Kerry can be friendly with other dogs, but she would prefer not to live with cats. For more information about Kerry or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Humane Society.



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## Soroptimist honors girl for service to others

Each year Soroptimist International of Richmond recognizes a young woman, usually a junior or senior in high school, for her achievements in community service and for outstanding contributions to her home, school, community and country.

The Violet Richardson Award begins at the club level, with winners becoming eligible for region-level awards. One from all the regions will be selected for an additional award from the federation.

The Violet Richardson Award winner is El Cerrito High School student Elizabeth Sanders, cited by the club for blending academic demands and community involvement. Her involvement includes serving as chairperson of programs on the executive board of the school's PTSA.

"In this capacity, she has been able to make real strides in dealing with the problems facing the school, including poor attendance at state tests and racial and religious tensions," the club notes. "Using her organizational skills, she implemented a series of student-led assemblies to focus on the importance of attending and taking tests. As a result, student participation rose to 97 percent from 83 percent."

Sanders and another student also organized a "Mix it Up at Lunch Day," sponsored by the organization Teaching Tolerance, as a step to lessen campus racial and religious tensions.

"While she is concerned about her grades and acceptance to college, she is even more concerned about graduating from her school knowing that she has worked hard to make it the best place possible for her classmates and for students to come," writes club member Nancy Nielson.

Sanders was awarded \$500, and the PTSA at El Cerrito High will receive \$1,000.

— Chris Treadway

**EARTHQUAKE WORKSHOP:** Albany will hold a San Francisco Earthquake centennial event Saturday as part of an effort to help residents prepare for a disaster.

The event will include fire extinguisher demonstrations; a fire and earthquake training trailer; disaster kits for sale; and information from local agencies, including the Albany fire and police department about how to be safe and self-sufficient during a disaster.

The event, which will include refreshments, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station, 1000 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-528-5775 or go online at [www.albanyca.org](http://www.albanyca.org).

— Alan Lopez

**SOCCER SIGN-UPS:** Open registration for the El Cerrito Soccer Club's fall 2006 season will be held this Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. at Fairmont Clubhouse, 715 Lexington Ave. in El Cerrito.

Discounts will be given for early registration for under-6 to under-14 players. Bring a copy of your birth certificate and a

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NADIA DAVIS, 8, of Albany shows her finished Easter egg to her mom during the Easter Eggstravaganza hosted by the New Life Church at Fairmont Park in El Cerrito on Saturday. Festivities at the free event included crafts, prizes and music.



wallet-sized picture to register. Free food and soccer games are available.

For more information visit [www.ecsoccer.org](http://www.ecsoccer.org) or call 510-414-1039.

— Craig Lazeretti

**FREE DANCE CLASSES:** Albany will hold three free dance classes next Wednesday and Thursday at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave., as part of Bay Area Dance Week.

A belly dance class will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday; beginning ballet for adults will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday; and a West African dance class will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Hess has been elected a freshman member of the student court at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden-Sydney, Va. The court upholds the school's honor code, a core part of the college for more than a century.

Hess, the son of Paul and Elza Hess of Albany, is a member of the College Republicans, the Pre-Law Society, the Union Philanthropic Literary Society and the rugby club. He is studying classical languages, and plans to attend law school.

El Cerrito residents Michael Moran, Elizabeth Nelson and Olivia Webb were named to the fall semester dean's list at Boston University.

— Chris Treadway

**AUTO REPAIR WORKSHOP:** A free auto repair workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Marty's Motors, 10929 San Pablo Ave. south of Potrero in El Cerrito.

The workshop is intended to teach women how to protect themselves from auto repair rip-offs, Mary Kaliski, the owner of the shop, said. Men are also welcome.

There will also be free automotive repair guides and coupons and refreshments. Those wishing to attend should call 510-235-6000.

— Alan Lopez

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

### School board right to uphold exit exam

THE WEST CONTRA COSTA School board acted correctly when it voted 4-1 against giving high school diplomas to students who did not pass the state's required exit exam. It's a vote that never should have taken place. Unfortunately, school board member Dave Brown wanted to defy California law and grant diplomas to students who failed the exit exam as long as they completed a research project.

What opponents of the test don't seem to understand is that the exit exam was instituted because too many high school graduates were receiving diplomas even though they lacked basic math and verbal skills. A large percentage of high school graduates have had to take remedial courses in English and math when they enter college. Often, employers complain that the people they hire, or would like to hire, do not have the basic skills needed to perform their jobs effectively.

The school district could have lost state funding if it had defied the law. We hope that was not the chief motivation behind the school board's vote to uphold the exam requirement. The more important issue is that the exit exam gives greater value to a high school diploma because it assures colleges and employers that someone with it has achieved a certain level of skill in math and English.

The test is hardly difficult. It measures 10th-grade English and middle-school math proficiency. A student can pass by correctly answering as little as 55 percent of the math questions and 60 percent of English questions. Students are given many opportunities to pass the exam in their school years.

We believe opponents of the test are wrong. However, they have the right to challenge the test in court, and they are doing so. That is the proper way to oppose the exam, not by defying state law. Charles Ramsey, school board president, was right in saying, "It's not for us to take alternative actions that go against the California Department of Education. We took an oath to uphold the law." Thankfully, the school board majority heeded Ramsey and killed Brown's ill-conceived notion to break the law and decrease the value of a West Contra Costa high school diploma.

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**Kensington:** Fire Protection District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-527-8395

Police Protection and Community Services District 217 Arlington Blvd. 510-526-4141

### School boards

**West Contra Costa Unified School District:** 510-620-2246

**Albany Unified School District:** 510-559-3766

## NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### City government

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City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave. 510-528-5710

Mayor Allan Maris

**City Council** — Meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays at the City Hall Council Chamber.

**Community Development** — Includes planning, building and maintenance. 510-526-5780

Web site: [www.albanyca.org](http://www.albanyca.org)

### EL CERRITO

City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300.

Mayor Janet Abelson

**City Council** — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. 510-215-4305.

**Public Works** — Report problems with city trees and sidewalks, burned-out street lights, potholes and clogged storm drains. 510-215-4382

**Recycling Center** — 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350.

Web site: [www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org)

### KENSINGTON

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**Police Protection and Community Services District** — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, except August, at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Addresses Police Department, Parks and Recreation and solid waste issues. 510-526-4141.

**Fire Protection District** — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 510-527-8395.

### Emergency numbers

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**Albany police** — 510-525-7300

**El Cerrito, Kensington Fire** — 510-215-4450.

**El Cerrito Police** — 510-237-3233.

**Kensington Police** — 510-233-1214; business line 510-526-4141.

**Sewer problems** — Stage Sanitary Service. 510-524-4667.

**Water services** — East Bay Municipal Utility District. 510-287-1380, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or 510-835-3000 after 4:30 p.m.

### Libraries

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**Kensington** — 61 Arlington Ave. Open noon-8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays. 510-524-3043.

### Parks and recreation

**Albany Recreation Programs** — Community center, 1249 Marin Ave. Classes and room rental available. 510-524-9283 Child care center, 1331 Portland Ave. 510-524-0135 Teen center, 900 Buchanan St. 510-525-0576 University Village Recreation, 1125 Jackson St. 510-524-4926 Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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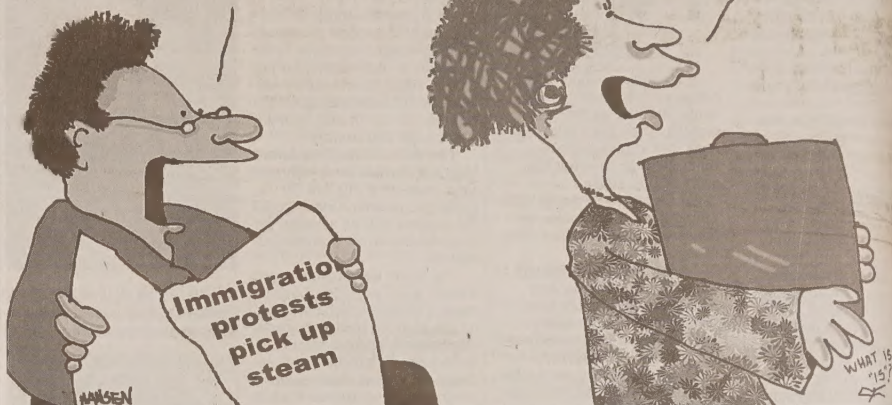
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## IMMIGRATION LAWS ARE SCRUTINIZED

I thought illegal meant something is against the law.

Maybe. Maybe not.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Proposed initiative is unnecessary

Albany residents are debating the proposed, upcoming ballot initiative involving proposed improvements to the limited Albany waterfront. This initiative is being put forward by the Sierra Club and Citizens for East Shore Parks.

Although well meaning, these groups have introduced an initiative that's unnecessary and provides little in facts that will allow voters to make an informed decision.

Measure C, previously passed by residents, is already in place for the voters to approve or disapprove of any proposed development of the Albany shoreline. The new ballot initiative would circumvent this current voter-approved process.

It denies the electorate of this decision-making process, and clouds the issue with many new restrictions and unsubstantiated claims.

At issue here is whether one of our neighbors, Golden Gate Fields (GGF), Albany's largest tax-generating source, can develop a portion of its shoreline property after public input. Shoreline enhancements and refined retail establishments that would generate further tax dollars are in the plan.

The newly proposed initiative would keep GGF from doing anything with the property with the hopes of acquiring or taking all the property GGF controls to create additional park space.

Besides the basic property rights issue and the assumed use of eminent domain laws to acquire the property, the supporting groups don't put forward realistic thoughts into what this would do for Albany residents.

From a purely financial aspect, these properties sold several years ago for \$80 million. Since Bay Area property values have dramatically increased, this could easily require hundreds of millions of dollars to acquire today.

This cost and the lack of this tax revenue by creating park land would devastate Albany's budget. The city estimates it could cost \$29 million (or more) to turn the property into a park, and that it would cost \$850,000 per year (or more) to maintain.

Albany currently doesn't have money to pave our worn streets, and cannot provide police security and safety to the Albany Bulb and Neck. The attempt to acquire additional properties from private sources to turn into such poorly managed parks is idealistic and ludicrous.

Let GGF go before the voters with its plan of public input and neighbor support, and let voters decide through the Measure C process. Reject this new initiative that attempts to hang a noose around the neck of Albany's budget.

Rebekah Gillis  
Albany

### Get priorities straight

Like most folks in Albany, I am extremely busy living my life, working multiple jobs, raising kids and simply struggling to make ends meet.

Come election day, we vote for (hire our neighbors) to run our city government. We trust that they will advocate what's best for us, protect our city's assets, and keep a balanced budget.

Increasingly, I've become more and more angered by the city's behavior regarding the Albany shoreline. Living in the Bay Area, I find it shocking that a local city's officials would be taken in by an outside developer and expedite his wishes against those of the residents.

To Albany city officials, I address the following: How would the existence of a

shopping mall on the waterfront tax our police, emergency and city services?

Commonly posted in the Journal's police blotter is another arrest by the Albany Police Department at the big-box Target store. Also commonly posted is another mugging, robbery, beating, etc., by gangs or individuals on the Greenway or at Albany middle or high school. I haven't heard anything from the Albany city government regarding safety concerns at our schools, parks and Greenway.

With these kinds of problems to address, why are they expending city resources promoting a Glendale-style mall and putting a developer's attorney on the city's payroll?

Albany city officials, get your priorities straight.

Robert Silva  
Albany

### Opposes Caruso's plans

As an Albany homeowner, I would like to register my opposition to any mall-type development on our waterfront, or anywhere in the city of Albany. If I had wanted to live in a small town with a mall, I would have moved to Emeryville.

The Citizens for the Albany Shoreline is to be lauded for its tireless efforts to fight the plans of Caruso to force his "lifestyle center" on us.

I support the Albany waterfront protection initiative and hope that, years from now, I'll look out at the Bay and not at a faded shopping center.

Letitia Berlin  
Albany

### Initiative is a power grab

Try as they may, the backers of the Albany "shoreline protection" initiative cannot disguise the fact they are attempting to get Albany voters to sign away their right to vote on any and all proposed developments for the waterfront.

In November, they want us to give up our votes, promised under Measure C, to them — the Sierra Club, Citizens for East Shore Parks, and Citizens for the Albany Shoreline — the self-appointed gatekeepers for any development proposals for Albany's waterfront.

They are on record as opposing the Caruso draft proposal, and they would prevent it from coming to a vote. The proposal holds much promise for Albany: a new, family-oriented park at Fleming Point; a restored beach and pier; a new shoreline park for the Bay Trail; restored wetlands; YMCA building; farmers' market; housing; and upscale retail that will provide Albany \$2 million per year in much-needed revenues.

This initiative is an attempted power grab and, come November, the voters of Albany will see right through it.

Trevor Grayling  
Albany

### Protect the Albany shoreline

Over the past couple of weekends, I've been one of many volunteers helping to gather signatures to qualify the Albany waterfront protection initiative for the November ballot.

Out in the precincts, most of the folks I have spoken with prefer park and open space along our shoreline, rather than the proposed Caruso development, and are happy to sign.

There are some, however, who seem to have swallowed the misinformation that this initiative takes away their right to vote or that it will deprive the city and schools of Albany of future income. How feathery!

The initiative doubles the opportunity to vote on the waterfront, and directs future planning process to not only protect open space and access, but also ensure that revenues to the city and school district from commercial activities will at least meet the current levels at the time of the election.

A comprehensive plan for the entire waterfront (not just the parking lot, which promotes park, restored wetlands and protects the shoreline, will, I believe, inspire appropriately sized commercial activity (such as a hotel, conference center, or even retail) that will generate revenues that surpass what the city and schools are currently receiving.

Peter Mader  
Albany

### Initiative is harmful financially

The Sierra Club and Citizens for East Shore Parks are trying to obtain signatures to put on Albany's November ballot an initiative they claim will preserve our waterfront.

Although I never thought I'd be on the other side of an issue from the Sierra Club, I urge Albany voters not to sign the petition. If the initiative passes, it would do great financial harm to Albany and its residents, and the only waterfront it would preserve is the existing shoreline race track parking lots.

Albany would be required to pay for an economic feasibility study and an environmental impact report, which together could cost the city more than \$500,000. Albany has a long list of Public Works projects, such as storm sewer repairs, that it cannot do because it lacks the money. Where would we obtain the money to fund these studies?

There are other alternatives that would allow us to finally use our waterfront the way it was intended. I ask you, please not to support this initiative.

Dale Green  
Albany

### Negative impact

I'm a gardener and serious photographer who happens to live in Albany. I've spent a lot of time hiking around the Albany waterfront, photographing its landscape.

I've come to the conclusion that development such as the one proposed by Caruso Affiliated would have a major negative impact on the waterfront well beyond where the building would actually be sited, including greatly increased traffic and reduced parking for those who want to bypass the development and enjoy the park areas.

James E. Callahan  
Albany

## WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

Letters to the editor and guest commentaries reflect the opinion of the writer and must include the author's first and last name, address and daytime phone number. All letters are subject to verification.

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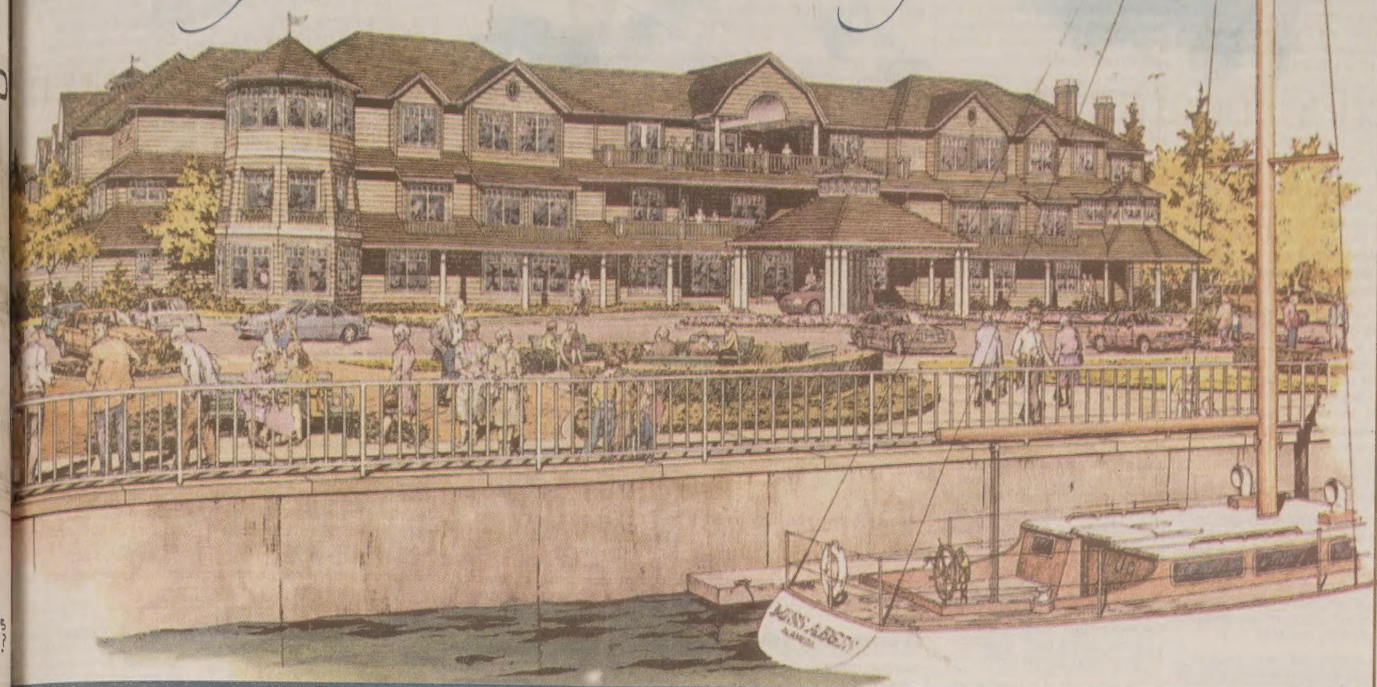
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■ Learn how to make your own flip book from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Flip books are a kind of animation you create yourself with pencils, pens or crayons. Each page of these tiny books shows the next small step in your picture story. When the book is finished, you can flip it and watch the action. Roberta Gould, local teacher, parent and author, will teach this workshop. It is free and for all ages. No registration is required and all materials are provided.

■ The library will present poet Rafaela Del Bourgo on Thursday, May 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. Del Bourgo's poetry has appeared in magazines, journals and anthologies in the United States, Canada and Australia. In 2001, she was a finalist in the Frances Locke Memorial poetry competition and the River Styx poetry contest, and she was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in 2002. In 2003, she won the Lullwater Prize for poetry.

■ The library presents a drop-in poetry-writing workshop, led by Alison Seevak, on Wednesday, May 10 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

■ The library's teen movie program continues with a series of films by legendary anime director Hayao Miyazaki on the first Wednesday of the month. The following films are planned: May 3: My Neighbor Totoro; June 7: Kiki's Delivery Service; July 5: Spirited Away. This program is aimed at middle- and high-school students. All films are shown in the Edith Stone Room. They start at 5 p.m. and finish by 7:15 p.m. at the latest. For information, visit the teen area at the Albany Library or contact Teen Services Librarian Julia Witwer at Ext. 20.

■ Free drop-in homework help is available for students in third through fifth grades. The homework center is open Mondays and Thursdays (except county holidays), from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17 or e-mail jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with Dale Allen Boland. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration required. Call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

## El Cerrito Library

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■ The library is offering free beginning Internet classes on Saturday mornings. All classes start at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Please sign up in advance. The schedule of classes are as follows: April 22: All about e-mail; April 29: Useful Web sites; May 6: Health and medical information; May 20: Finding newspaper articles; May 27: Travel information; June 3: Finding magazine articles.

■ Children and their families are invited to the library for a series of Monday evening family story times that will continue through Monday, May 8. Each of the meetings, which include songs and fingerplays as well as stories, will begin at 7 p.m. and last about a half-hour. The themes for the remaining story times will be "Vroom! (Things That Go)" on April 24, "Pink Snouts & Curly Tails (Stories About Pigs)" on May 1 and "I Love You, Mom & Dad!" on May 8. For information, call the library.

■ The spring series of Lapsit story times (formerly known as Babytime and Toddler time) will continue through May 11. These story times, which meet Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplays in addition to the stories. No registration is required.

■ Readers Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month. The May meeting has been canceled. Future titles: April 25: "The Great Fire" by Shirley Hazzard; June 27: "Gilded" by Marilynne Robinson; July 25: "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hourlong appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Its Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

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## Transitional books can help young readers

"I'm an only child — with the exception of my sister."

— Denys Cazet, at the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California annual institute, April 13

EVERY YEAR, the Association of Children's Librarians presents a thorough and thoughtful institute on a topic of interest to children's librarians.

This year's topic was transitional books — a subject with little research but a lot of interest from parents, children, teachers and, of course, librarians.

A psychologist and three children's authors gave their opinions and observations on this topic. The charming and talented Active Arts Theatre, which acted out a transitional reader from the Junie B. Jones series, also entertained us. It was a full and rewarding day, and I am glad I went.

The first speaker was psychologist Andrea Zevenbergen. She spoke for about an hour, and it is a challenge to summarize what she said — it all seems relevant and informative. She started with the main characteristics of a typical tran-



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

sitional book, as described by Graves and Liang in 2004. The main character is between 8 and 10 years old; the vocabulary is accessible; the topics, issues and emotions are appropriate for this age range; there are 60-100 pages; the book has short chapters (six to eight pages); the font size is reader-friendly; there are a few illustrations per chapter; and the characters have unique but not developing personalities — that is, a funny person stays a funny person.

She commented that transitional books are a bridge between easy readers and chapter books, and then went on to discuss illustrations, context and something called the five-finger test. One page of text is read aloud, and if the child needs help with more than five

words, it is considered too difficult — and consequently the child may become discouraged while trying to decipher it. This seems like a good tip for librarians to pass on to parents.

Megan McDonald was the next speaker. She is the author of the "Judy Moody" children's series, as well as picture books and books for older readers. She described her childhood with four older sisters, and said, "I became a writer because of all these stories and wanting to write them down."

Her talk was funny, and gave us all insight into the life and thoughts of a writer. I particularly appreciated the page she showed us of a first draft with the red editor's notes — a good reminder for all would-be authors that few people start with a finished product.

H.B. Homzie — author of the "Aliens from Outer Space" series — began her talk by saying she spent years studying comedy because as a child she didn't understand humor, and she is "obsessed with understanding what I don't get." She described three aspects of humor: fish out of water, reverse order, and surprise, and she ap-

plied these to her work, struck by her comment: children "are constantly out of water" — because being up means everything changing all the time.

Denys Cazet — creator of the "Minnie and Moo" series — was the final speaker. He described the rumpus room bedroom he slept in starting at age 8, when his sister was

The vivid image of a boy opening his eyes in the morning to his father's tions of shrunken head, grenades, swords and firearms will probably with me forever. Cazet mentioned that he likes to use vocabulary in early reader transitional books a "vocabulary" as opposed to "controlled vocabulary" excellent point.

I think it is worth mentioning that all three of the authors had worked in libraries. What that means, I don't know — but there it is.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org or at the Albany library, 510-526-3720. E-mail: jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org

## EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON SCHOOL NOTES

## El Cerrito High School

**GAUCHO CORRAL:** Are you involved in a school-related activity that you'd like to inform the ECHS community about? An article or announcement can be placed in the Gauchito Corral. The next issue will be out in mid-May, and there is a May 1 deadline for copy. Send articles, information or any questions you might have to Sheila Tarbet at sttarbet@comcast.net.

**PAGETURNERS:** The book club will discuss "Swimming Lessons" by Rohinton Mistry on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Ms. Taylor's room, #33. Everyone is encouraged to come.

**GRADUATION LEIS:** Purple orchid Hawaiian leis are on sale for \$15. They will be available for pick-up on Thursday, June 8. Details about pick-up will be provided in June. All leis need to be pre-ordered and paid for before the deadline of Friday, May 19. Proceeds will benefit the ECHS Grad Nite. E-mail cchan2429@aol.com

## Harding Elementary

**REGISTRATION:** General registration at Harding will take place through May 5. Register before May 5 for limited openings. General registration (first through sixth grade) for the fall takes place April 4-May 5. Harding has a few openings in grade one, grade two

and grade three. For more information, call the Harding office at 510-231-1413.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Will be held Saturday, April 29. This is also Earth Day, so please donate items you are not using to the sale. Items need to be in good condition. Needed are clothes, toys, small appliances (coffee makers), small tools and antiques. Proceeds support art, music and science programs. Bring items to the school office.

## Kensington Elementary

**PTA ELECTIONS:** The PTA will hold elections for its executive board on May 4 (the last general meeting of the school year). To join the board or to find out more about any of the positions, contact Katherine Meurer, treasurer, at kmeurer@aol.com.

**BOOK FAIR:** The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library April 25-28. To volunteer, please contact Nora Hirose at 510-215-1942 or nhrose@sbcglobal.net or Debbie Hayakawa at 510-528-8803 or dhayakawa@sbcglobal.net.

— Craig Lazzarotti

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## ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

## Albany High School

**PUBLIC MEETING:** A public information meeting to discuss how to use the 2005 parcel tax revenues during the 2006-07 school year will take place at AHS on Saturday, April 29, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome.

**EARTH DAY:** The Earth Day rap contest takes place today at lunchtime. Rap 'about the environment — the winner gets a prize.

**TEENS AND ALCOHOL:** A community conversation about teens and alcohol is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the library. "What happens when kids drink too much ... and what can we do about it?" will address the issue of binge drinking at AHS and other schools.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON:** Planning has begun for the senior luncheon. Parents from all grade levels are invited to help make this lunch a success. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, food, decorations, clean-up, invitations, etc. Please contact Piera Cirillo at pcirillo@chdstudies.org.

**FILM PROJECT:** Albany High School 36-hour film project takes place April 29-30. For more information, contact makers, thespians and writers, visit www.AHSVideoPro.com, mail 36@ahsvideo.com.

**MYSTERY PARTY:** "Politics & Murder: Hors D'oeuvres and Party," organized as a benefit for the Leaders Institute project by Diana Hill, takes place Saturday night from 6-8 p.m. in the library. Minimum suggested donation is \$20, and all proceeds go to the Project Open Hand, an organization that helps feed the families of AIDS patients. To register, call 510-527-5310.

**PTSA POSITIONS:** All PTSA positions have been filled except the president. This position is shared between two people. Amy Freeman at freep@alhs.net if you are interested or to someone who might be interested.

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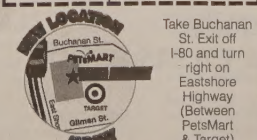
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## School notes

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**OLYMPIAD:** Bing Xia will be competing as one of 20 national finalists at the USA Biology Olympiad in Fairfax, Va., in June. Bing will participate in a two-week training program in rigorous lab experiences, lectures, readings and mentoring to the finalists. From these 20 finalists, a 10-person team will be chosen to represent the United States at the International Biology Olympiad in Argentina.

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:** For seniors, the application deadline for the Dorothy Villa scholarship has been extended to Monday, April 24. Selection is based upon a student's academic record and outside employment during high school and academic record. Applicants with even average GPAs are encouraged to apply if they have work experience.

### High Middle School

**TICKETS:** Play tickets for "From the Heart of the Matter" are on sale at school office. The cost is \$10. The play runs Friday and Saturday nights, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. and May 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. at the AHS Little Theater.

**PERFORMANCE:** The next student play is tonight from 8-10 p.m. Tickets are \$4. Students are eligible for prizes. They have no suspensions, are on time, and have no over-due library books. This year's play, "The Slums of Piedmont," is a comedy that parodies "8 Mile" and is written and directed by Mr. Gamboa. Play is Friday and Saturday nights, 7:30 p.m. and May 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the AHS Little Theater. Tickets are on sale at the school office. The cost is \$10.

### Elementary

**HOUSE:** On Thursday, May 25, the View, Cornell and Marin schools will hold their annual open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Marin's Science Investigations

## Library

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### Albany Library

Albany Ave. 24-3043 or www.ccclib.org. Open: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Next meeting of the library's book club will be Monday at 7 p.m. It will discuss "Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Lewis.

Future titles are as follows: May 1: "Whom the Bells Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway; June 26: "A Fine Balance" by Rohinton Mistry; July 24: "The Sea" by Jack London; Aug. 28: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" by Dr. Seuss; Sept. 25: "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; Oct. 23: "The Pilgrimage" by David Mason.

Booktishers and her dog Christy will teach how dogs interact and how the visually impaired on May 11 at 11 a.m. All ages are welcome.

Next meeting of the library's

Fair will be held in the multi-purpose room that evening from 6:30-8 p.m. Ms. Wong and Ms. Covay, science specialists, are working with fourth- and fifth-graders to prepare for this event. Students in other grades are welcome to participate in this project. Packets with directions will soon be available from the teacher and in the office.

**MARIN DE MAYO:** All Marin families and friends are invited to the second annual Marin de Mayo dinner catered by Picante on the Marin campus on Saturday, May 13, from 4-7 p.m. Visit with Marin families and friends while enjoying great food, entertainment, crafts, raffles, and much more. Tickets go on sale April 17, and will be available at the April 19 Community Sing.

### Ocean View Elementary

**SCIENCE PROJECTS:** In connection with open house, fourth and fifth graders will be developing and presenting science projects in the multi-purpose room on May 25. Participation is optional for K-3 students, and more information will be coming next week.

**EARTHQUAKE CONTAINER:** Volunteers are needed to help Stan Shores prepare an earthquake container. Please contact the office if you are available to help out.

### Education funders

**PHONE-A-THON:** SchoolCARE is looking for volunteers to help with its annual fundraising phone-a-thon, scheduled this year Sunday through Thursday, May 7-18. Specific locations will be determined soon, although they will include space donated by Realty firms Berkeley Home and Red Oak.

**BENEFIT DINNER:** The monthly Food for Thought benefit dinner for the Albany Education Foundation takes place at the Solano Grill & Bar on Thursday, April 27. The prix fixe dinner is \$35 per person, plus tax and gratuity. \$20 is donated to AEF. Download a coupon at [www.albanyeducation.org](http://www.albanyeducation.org). — Bob Menzimer

E-mail school notes items to Bob Menzimer at [megabob@pacbell.net](mailto:megabob@pacbell.net).

knitting club, "Castoffs," will be held Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. Come for an evening of knitting, show and tell, and yarn exchange. All levels are welcome, and some help will be provided. This group meets the first Monday of every month at the library.

■ Pastel paintings by Oakley artist Nancy Roberts will be featured May 1 through June 15 at the library. In her "Delta Series" she explores the intricate structure of bare trees and shimmering reflections, while her spare, energetic still lifes and florals present a lively new take on familiar subjects.

■ Meet real wild animals during Bonnie Cromwell's Classroom Safari on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

■ Family story times will hold Tuesday evenings on May 9, 16 and 30 at 7 p.m. All ages welcome (best for preschool and older).

— Craig Lazeretti

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## Record number of hopefuls apply for UC

By Matt Krupnick

STAFF WRITER

For the first time, more Asian-American students have been admitted to the University of California than any other racial group.

The change comes as a record number of freshman applicants has allowed the top UC campuses to be pickier than ever.

Deluged by a record 41,700 applications, UC Berkeley accepted fewer than 24 percent of its freshman applicants this year, down from 26 percent a year ago, university officials said Wednesday. The acceptance rate was the lowest in the 10-campus UC system, slightly lower than the 25.6 percent at UCLA.

The Berkeley campus experienced a sharp increase in the number of applicants this year, with 13 percent more California high school seniors applying. The East Bay

school's applicant pool grew from about 37,000 last year.

UC Berkeley recruiters doubled their efforts statewide in the past year, partly to improve student diversity, said Walter Robinson, director of undergraduate admissions for the Berkeley campus. The recruiters made 600 high school visits, up from 300 the year before.

"We targeted certain regions of the state where we weren't receiving a high enough number of applications," Robinson said, noting the university's increased focus on the heavily Latino Central Valley and booming San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Systemwide, the university received 10 percent more applications in 2006 than last year. A record 55,242 had been admitted as of March 30, up from about 50,000 last year, a trend some attributed to a growing tendency for students

to apply to several universities at once.

Freshmen must decide whether to attend UC by May 1. Officials said about 45 percent or fewer of the admitted students usually enroll.

While the university increased the number of admission offers to underrepresented minorities — American Indians, African-Americans and Latinos — by about one percentage point, officials said they were disappointed not to have admitted more. About 17.5 percent of UC undergraduates were from the three minority groups last fall.

"We aren't satisfied with the outcomes this year," said Susan Wilbur, the UC system's undergraduate admissions director. "In terms of being representative of the young people who are graduating from California's high schools, we are not there yet."

## Goats

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"We never knew they were there before because the only way we'd find out would be if somebody complained, and nobody has. But according to the law they have to have a use permit, so we're going to grant one."

Vlad and Tinsel will celebrate their victory by making their annual appearance at UC Berkeley's Cal Day celebration Saturday, where they will tow children around campus in their cart. As always, their horns will be painted blue and gold for the occasion.

"We bring them back year after year, and they're always a huge hit," said Cal Day Director Diane Musto. "Everybody loves them, especially the children."

The goats return the sentiment. "Working is one of their three most favorite things in the world," said Carlin. "The other two are eating and rubbing up against things." In fact, there's only one thing the goats hate, but they hate it with

a passion — rain.

"It's been a tough winter for them," sighed Genoa. "Nothing could get them to come out of their shelter until they discovered the miracle of umbrellas. When they finally realized they could go outside and 'I'll stay dry, they got really excited, running around and wagging their tails."

Though they're half-brothers, Vlad and Tinsel have different personalities.

Tinsel is a control freak, always concerned for the integrity of the flock.

"We like to put backpacks on them and take the kids in the neighborhood on picnics," said Carlin. "If we're walking along and get split into two groups, Tinsel

will run back and forth frantically between the two groups, trying to get the people in back to catch up."

Vlad, on the other hand, is "a bit of a dork," as Genoa puts it.

"He gets confused as to who he is. He thinks he's a person. He saw himself in a mirror once, and almost had a heart attack because he didn't look like the people."

According to Huntsinger, there's only one downside to owning goats.

"I hate to say it, but they may actually be anti-academics. They will eat books, especially if you're reading nearby."

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## Waterfront

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The initiative would place a temporary moratorium on development approvals and establish a planning process that would prohibit development from within 600 feet of the shoreline, effectively preventing the Caruso development.

Meanwhile, as they have for about the past year, Caruso representatives and Caruso himself have been meeting with residents and elected officials to figure out what kind of development they would approve under Measure C, the city's 1990 waterfront protection initiative.

Zweben said the city's planning process would be an effort to find a middle ground between the two factions.

Zweben said it's unknown what the plan would look like. "That's the \$24,000 question," he said.

Javandel said he also wanted to know how much the process would cost.

In his letter, Cheasty said the environmental groups were willing to work with city but wanted assurances by May 8 that Caruso would cease its public relations campaign and agree not to submit a development proposal while the city undertakes its planning process.

The groups plan to submit the required signatures for their initiative by May 8.

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What can you do to maintain or improve balance? Stay healthy, keep your mind active, and exercise regularly. You are never too old to start exercising. Take daily walks; find a form of exercise that you like and stick with it; join a gym and get stronger.

Physical Therapists assess an individual's balance and determine if falling is a risk. Therapists can successfully work with people whose balance has decreased. The point is that it is still possible to affect their performance in everyday activities. Remember: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Take steps to improve or maintain balance before the fall occurs! Any questions?

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**Question:** What would be the best way to pick out a used car to buy?

**Answer:** There are many things to consider when choosing a used car to purchase. I have reviewed several of these before, but I thought it would be nice to write an entire Ask the Expert on this topic.

The first thing is to think about what your current needs are. If you plan to use the car just around town and maybe a few weekend trips then the car you choose can be a lower cost older vehicle with higher miles. However, if the car will be used to commute daily, go out of state frequently to visit friends and family or go up to a vacation house in the mountains, spend a bit more and get a newer car with low miles. Just as you wouldn't want your college bound student driving a high mileage car that could be unreliable away from home, you might opt to gamble on the same car for an around the town second car. Again, the car's longevity and condition dictates what type of driving the car would be good for.

Where to look for a "good" used car; newspapers, Craigslist, used car lots (look for ones that give a warranty), new car lots (be prepared to pay more than blue book there) and on the streets. Ask your garage if they know of any customers selling their vehicles. Every so often we have customers who move out of state, customers who stop driving or customers who upgrade - all of who need to sell their cars.

The most important step is to have the car inspected before you buy it. A pre-purchase inspection should be performed by a garage that specializes in the type of vehicle you choose. The benefit of a specialty shop is they are familiar with one car make and will spot items that might be missed by other shops. The chances are they also have the proper tools to check for fault codes stored in the car's computer systems.

Ask questions like: What type of gas mileage can I expect? What are the components that commonly fail? What should I expect to pay for repairs? How long will the car last?

Call your insurance agent and ask what the cost will be to insure the vehicle. If you'll be making payments then you'll need complete coverage. If you will pay for the car outright and the car's value is less than \$5,000 I advise not getting full coverage.

The average accident these days results in more than \$3,000 worth of repair. With a car valued at \$5,000 this puts you on the edge of totaling out the vehicle. Your insurance company pays what "blue book value" is not market value. It's likely you may not get what you paid for the vehicle let alone get enough money to cover repairs. So don't waste your money with full insurance on an old car or one with low blue book value.

Get a Carfax. But remember not all the information about the vehicle's history is reported on those. All repairs done at the dealer will be on the Carfax and any major collisions where the car needed mouth to mouth resuscitation (salvaged title situations) will be listed. However, there could be a lot of things missing.

Ask to see the owner's records. Look through them. Make sure you see more than oil changes, tire replacements and alignments. You want to be assured the seller has been maintaining the vehicle not just brushing the dirt under the carpet. Ask questions if there are gaps. Well maintained cars are serviced a least once a year. Test drive the car on the freeway and uphill if possible. You want to make sure it has the power you require and that you feel secure behind the wheel at high speeds.

If you can't have the car checked out by a professional and the sellers are giving you a lot of pressure to purchase now, I advise walking away from these deals. Many people buy cars because they looked good and or the seller seemed honest. Too often they are very disappointed because the post-purchase inspection reveals costly repairs are needed.


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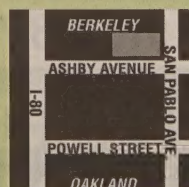
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**INDOORS AND OUT:** The glass walls in the living room at 5561 Country Club Drive in Oakland help combine the warmth and comfort of indoor living with a view to the outdoors, above. The home was featured on the cover of the April 1946 House Beautiful magazine, right.

## House

FROM PAGE B1

The master bedroom has a view of San Francisco and looks out onto the patio's lush mature landscaping. The home has been sensitively updated while maintaining Confer's original character.

There is a step-down formal living room, a large formal dining room, an eat-in kitchen, a den, three bedrooms and three and one-half bathrooms.

The home as a second patio with its original red tile. (The inner courtyard patio tile was replaced with flagstone and brick.) The living room, dining room and master bedroom open out to the inner courtyard patio that features a Koi pond and beautiful gardens.

The current owners con-

structed a stucco wall around the property to enhance both privacy and utility of the front and rear gardens. This home is a warm combination of drama, simplicity and elegance.

House Beautiful magazine featured the home on its April 1946 cover, and the December 1947 Better Homes and Gardens magazine ran a feature article about Confer's creation.

Better Homes and Gardens praise the home's inward facing windows and well as its windowless facade. The home "exhibits clean lines and and simple details" on the street side, Better Homes and Gardens said. "Patterned brick and a broad garage door give it a strong horizontal feeling."

This horizontal feeling echoed Confer's design of playwright Eugene O'Neill's Tao House in Danville.

### A LOOK AT THE ARCHITECT

Frederick Leroy Confer was born in San Francisco in 1903.

He attended high school in Oakland and Piedmont.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1928.

He worked as a draftsman with architect Walter Ratcliff from 1929 to 1930 and with architect Edwin Snyder from 1930 to 1934.

He was licensed as an architect in 1934.

His most famous creation remains playwright Eugene O'Neill's Tao House in Danville.

The Tao House's conservative brickwork is echoed in his creation at 5561 Country Club Drive.

He was in partnership with John Hans Ostwald from 1947-1953.

Frederick Leroy Confer died in 1970.

— Courtesy Paul Faberman



### VITAL STATISTICS

**What:** A Frederick Confer-designed California Ranch-style home at 5561 Country Club Drive in Oakland.

**Size:** A 2,656 square-foot home on .19 acres

**Bedrooms:** Three

**Bathroom:** Three and one-half

**Features:** Architect Frederick Confer designed and built this home in Oakland's prestigious Claremont Pines neighborhood. The home features dramatic ceiling heights and generous room sizes. Most rooms open onto a private courtyard with a koi pond and beautiful gardens. This home offers single-level living with a step-down living room, a formal dining room, an updated eat-in kitchen and a den. The home has some bay views.

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## Home energy Q&A: Judging a home's energy efficiency

BY KEN SHEINKOPF

KNIGHT RIDER

**Q:** It seems that every house we're looking at with our Realtor, we're told that the home is very energy-efficient. How can we tell if a house really is efficient or if it is an energy guzzler like I know many homes are?

**A:** The easiest thing to do is to ask the sellers for copies of their utility bills from the past year or two.

If they don't have them, just let them know that their utility company will usually provide the records they want. While this will give you some idea of what it will cost to operate that home, keep in mind that significant lifestyle factors — such as the number of people in the home, what their preferred thermostat settings are, how often they have company or parties, etc. — can make a huge difference in what your bills might be in the same home.

But it's still a good place to start. You might also ask if they have had energy inspections by their utility company or a heating/air conditioning firm or a private contractor, and ask to see the results of these audits.

Such home studies are being done more frequently all the time as homeowners seek ways to lower their utility bills, and the results often recommend things like adding insulation, fixing windows, planting windbreaks and other improvements.

You also need to walk around the home and look at it from an energy perspective. If the appliances are fairly new,

they should be much more energy-efficient than older ones. Look closely around doors and windows and feel for wind blowing into the home around them. Turn on the air conditioner or heater and see if you can feel unwanted duct leakage in the garage or attic. Take a peek into the attic and look at the insulation levels.

Finally, when you find the house you really want, hire an energy auditor to come in and do a thorough inspection of the home.

Many people include this in the contract along with the more traditional home inspection of the roof, wiring, etc. The money you spend on this audit may save you from buying a house that has many energy problems, and at the very least it will give you ideas of things you might do to the home after you buy it to make it even more efficient.

**Q:** You recently wrote an article about using windbreaks to keep your home more comfortable by planting trees and bushes around the house. Now that spring is here (at least on the calendar), we're thinking about our yard and garden. Do you think such landscaping is cost-effective?

**A:** Yes, cost-effective as well as an important step in making a home more comfortable. Talk to your neighbors who have really nicely landscaped yards. You'll probably find a number of responses they have in common.

Homes with good landscaping around them are usually very effective at keeping out noise and air pollution. They

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need less water, pesticides and fuel for lawn maintenance. They block the winter winds and the summer sun. And yes, they usually cut down on both cold weather and hot weather energy costs.

I've seen studies that estimated that just carefully positioning trees in your yard can cut down on your annual use of heating and cooling energy by as much as 25 percent. An 8-foot tall leaf-shedding tree costs about the same as an awning for a large window. In winter, this tree will let in the sun to add warmth in your home and cut down on both heating and lighting costs, and in the summer it will block the sun to save cooling costs. And since most people find a home with nice trees and shrubs attractive, it will also add to the value of your home.

I find the benefits of trees most dramatic in hot weather. Just go outside this summer and sit on a bench in a park or wooded area. You'll feel much cooler than when you're out in open spaces since energy researchers have found that the air temperature in shading set-

tings can get as much as 9 degrees Fahrenheit lower than in an unshaded area. Actually, the air temperature directly under a tree can be as much as 25 degrees cooler than the temperature on a road nearby.

Keep in mind that trees not only block direct sun, but also give off water vapor (ask your teenager to explain what "evapotranspiration" is). In winter, those trees will block the winds and snow and help keep the outdoor elements away from your home's walls and roof.

Finally, if none of these ideas make them seem cost-effective, consider this: a Massachusetts study several years ago concluded that homes with trees around them had an added value of 5 percent to 10 percent over homes without trees, with some of the better-landscaped homes being worth as much as 20 percent more. I'd call that cost-effective.

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## Dianne Arancibia's 'Mindscapes' at Red Oak

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"Mindscapes" by Dianne Arancibia is the name of a new art exhibit at the Red Oak Gallery located inside Red Oak Realty at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley.

A stunning collection of work by a self-taught artist, born and raised in California, whose paintings have been described as feeling like a meld of Rothko and Georgia O'Keefe. Passionate, jewel-toned and abstract, these painting invite the

viewer to join the artist on her journey of exploration of color and inner landscapes.

"Mindscapes" will be on display through Sept. 1.

An art reception will be held at the gallery Friday, May 19 from 6:30-8:30 pm. To view or purchase these beautiful paintings please visit the Red Oak Gallery, Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or call the artist directly at 510-717-2215.

These painting invite the viewer to join the artist on her journey of exploration of color and inner landscapes.

### open sunday

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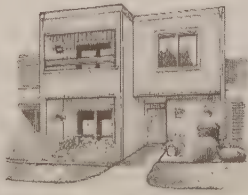
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## Sorting your IRA options

To help you survive your Golden Years, the good news has come up with savings options designed specifically with retirement. Individual retirement plans give you tax incentives away money for your

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Money Matters

sonal retirement. Chances are you're familiar with the IRA acronym known as a Roth IRA. Still wondering what it is, it may be time to take a look at some of the similarities and differences associated with these two savings accounts.

A quick history lesson: help you get a better idea of these accounts. President Ford signed the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERISA) in 1978, which encouraged personal savings. The Roth IRA is a variation of the original plan that was introduced in 1998 and named after Senator William V. Roth from Delaware, who introduced this plan to Congress.

To be eligible to contribute to an IRA, you (or your spouse) must have some earned income. With a traditional IRA, you can make contributions up to the limit that reaches age 70½ and you can be able to deduct your contributions from your taxable income depending on whether you are covered by a retirement plan at work and if you fall within certain income limits. With a Roth IRA, the contributions are never tax deductible, but income determines how much you can contribute. The biggest difference between the two types of accounts has to do with when it is time to take money out.

The traditional IRA offers the advantage of tax-deferred earnings, which means you do not pay any taxes until you decide to withdraw funds from the account. With a Roth IRA, on the other hand, you offer the potential of tax-free withdrawals, as long as you meet certain conditions.

With a Roth IRA, you withdraw the money you contributed at any time, as long as you have reached age 59½. You have held the account for at least five years, you have to pay taxes on the earnings either when you withdraw or when you take the money out.

It is important to understand the tax implications of early withdrawals as part of the story. You can

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# Planning to remodel? Why not do it yourself?

You have been thinking of having your home remodeled. You and your spouse have been writing a list, trying to get on paper all the wants and needs that the remodeling project should address.

You begin to think about the project the thought occurs to you might do it yourself. You might be able to save a lot of money by doing the remodeling project on your own.

The first time one does something it is always harder the second time. Do you want to learn new skills and techniques which you might never take the time to learn again? Will the project be easier for you with no experience or a professional who has done it on other people's homes before working on yours?

How much free time do you currently have in your life? If you are like most people these days you probably already have none!

Having your remodel done by a professional remodeling contractor will require you to put in more time than you realize. Do it yourself and you have now taken on a new job requiring all the time it takes to both learn and do the job. Do you have all that time to give?

**Babysitting** Do you like babysitting? Probably you and your spouse hire one when you want to relax, right? After all, if you have children it takes a lot of effort and time to help them grow up. A remodeling project cannot happen without the person running it actively interacting with a large group of trade contractors and suppliers. Each of these people have their own ideas about what really matters and, more often than not, it seems they do not have your remodel on the top of their list!

Do you really want to be managing these people who are good, hard working contributors to your project? Be prepared for being driven crazy by what you experience.

**Regulatory agencies** Your taxes pay to help to fund a better life for you and your family. However, when you work with your local planning and building departments for the first time your experience can make you think otherwise. That is because there are so many rules and regulations governing remodeling and many of them are open to interpretation. The first time you take on the responsibility of working in this environment can be a very frustrating learning experience.

Of course as a professional remodeler I'm going to encourage you to hire one for your remodeling project! However, if you decide to do it yourself, I highly recommend considering all of the above. It just might save you more time and energy than you think.

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## Real Estate Focus:

# Home reflects 1911 origins, features



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**Price:** \$749,000.

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# Housing market to stay on high plateau

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Home sales should generally remain and remain at historically high levels, according to the National Association of Realtors.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said mortgage interest rates are trending up but will remain favorable.

"Economic growth and job creation are providing a favorable backdrop for the housing market, but rising interest rates have an offsetting effect," Lereah said.

"Home sales will move up and down somewhat over the remainder of the year but stay at a high plateau, meaning this will be the third strongest year on record," He expects the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage to rise to 6.9 percent by the end of the year.

Growth in the U.S. gross domestic product is forecast at 3.7 percent in 2006, while the unemployment rate should average 4.8 percent.

Existing-home sales are projected to drop 6.0 percent to 6.65 million this year from a record 7.08 million in 2005. New-home sales are likely fall 10.9 percent to 1.14 million from the record 1.28 million last year.

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There are a few exceptions to this penalty, allowing you to use IRA withdrawals — without penalty — to pay for catastrophic medical expenses, buying your first home, or paying for a child's college education.

Waiting too long to take your money out can hurt you too. If you've got a traditional IRA, when you reach age 70½ you must begin taking mandatory distributions, which are set according to an IRS schedule based on life expectancy. Roth IRAs do not have mandatory distributions during your lifetime.

Keep in mind that there is a cap on the amount you can put into an IRA each year. For 2006 and 2007, the maximum you can contribute is \$4,000. If you're 50 or older, you can put in another \$1,000 bringing the total amount to \$5,000. This additional amount is referred to as a "catch-up" contribution, to help those who may not have saved earlier in life.

No matter which type of IRA you decide to use, the most important step in planning for your retirement is to begin saving money. Whether you still have a ways to go before you get there, or even if retirement is just around the corner, it is never a bad idea to prepare now for what lies ahead.

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## Staging: Bringing out the hidden charm

Number 422 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Why put clean clothes on a dirty kid? That's what I was wondering this week when we saw a dingy house all dressed up with staging. Seems only sensible that a bath would come first.

We got to this small, unoccupied house and immediately spied the lockbox attached to the front handrail. While Anet was retrieving the key, I was standing on the tiny front stoop staring at its chipped and stained paint. The door threshold was also worn and shoddy.

Inside, a perfect orchid plant stood on the living room coffee table. The room had been obviously staged by a professional in Pottery Barn style — nubby moss green fabric sofa with a lavender chenille throw, sisal rug on the floor, gold-framed botanical prints on the walls.

The furnishings were in top shape, but there was loose dirt on the wood floors and spots of paint on the tile ones. No one had cleaned this house but the stager had gone right ahead with her job anyway. She placed her goods ignoring the floors and walls and counters because, I suppose, it wasn't her job to clean.

The stainless steel kitchen sink looked awful in spite of the brand new dish towels and fresh bar of soap laid beside it. Water marks, paint splatters and grease could easily have been removed with steel wool and a little time. Had I had any steel wool with me, I might have scrubbed the sink myself right then.

There were crumbs on the tiled sink counter, too, possibly leftovers from an agent open house, and the stove burners had not been scrubbed.

I don't get it, why the money was spent to bring in finery without mak-

ing the base ready beforehand. I believe in staging, truly appreciate how attractive a house can look when properly attended-to.

Especially if the alternative is an empty house, staging makes a considerable difference to the view of people who see it. Empty houses are hollow and cold. They feel and look unfriendly, and there is nowhere to sit down.

There are stagers who approach and see each house freshly. These are talented and energetic people who appreciate and utilize what is unique about every house they work on. And although they may place only a few items in a room, rather than a full complement, the things they use will emphasize and highlight the best parts of that room making visitors aware of them as well.

Once we saw a staged house, the living room of which held a magnificent upholstered chair in screaming cherry red. It was wonderful! I stayed long in that room. I wanted to see every detail that was of kin with that chair.

Another time, in another house, the stager had gone to the trouble to select, make and hang as curtains in the dining room a lovely clear yellow fabric with flowers on it. It was a knock-out because the piece and the placement were beautiful, and because nothing exactly like it could be seen, or had ever been seen, elsewhere.

A stager who frequently works with our clients once made the eye-catcher in a living room: a large squash. The orangey-cream colored pumpkin-like squash was placed inside a wide pottery dish. Together they stood on a slice of reddish colored marble, and all three were stacked on a mahogany table.



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There are stagers who approach and see each house freshly. These are talented and energetic people who appreciate and utilize what is unique about every house they work on.

The reason for the placement was an adjacent royal blue couch with stripes which was made fabulously by the squash and therefore, so was the room.

That stager made me see that room in a new and wonderful way. The same stager also knows how to trick me into looking away.

In one of our listings was a rather beat up kitchen stove which stood lonely against a plain wall. Our good stager had a shelf put up over the stove on which she placed some colorful containers and cooking implements. Then she hung a wood-framed mirror over the shelf.

It worked like a charm. When I went into that kitchen, I didn't see the stove anymore. Instead, I saw the shelf, the mirror, and the far

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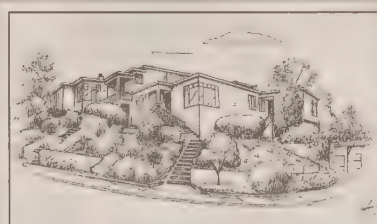


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## Plateau

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year — both sectors would see the third best year following 2005 and 2004. Housing starts are forecast at 2.00 million in 2006, which is 3.2 percent below the 2.07 million in total starts last year.

NAR President Thomas M. Stevens from Vienna, Va., said home prices are expected to cool, but not as much as in earlier projections. "Although housing inventories have been improving, the balance is still a bit more favorable for sellers and annual appreciation remains in double-digit territory," said Stevens, senior vice president of NRT Inc. "Even so, the market is in a process of normalization — appreciation will return to normal single-digit patterns, providing solid investment returns into the future."

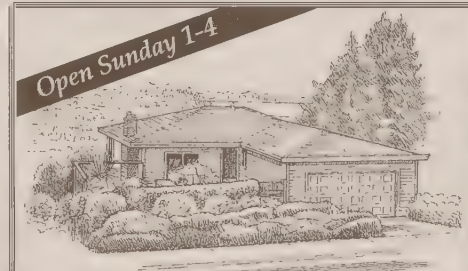
"The national median existing-home price for all housing types is likely to increase 6.4 percent this year to \$221,700, while the median new-home price is expected to rise 2.3 percent to \$242,700.

Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index is seen at 3.4 percent in 2006. Inflation-ad-

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# Why buyers, sellers must understand 'as-is' sales

'As-is' usually doesn't top dollar

If you are buying or selling an "as-is" residence during this home selling season, it is important to understand the pros and cons of such a sale. Thousands of homes and condos are sold "as-is" every day.



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But an "as-is" sale usually is the best way for a home seller to get top dollar. The reason is an "as-is" sale gives a strong signal to prospective buyers there might be something wrong with the property. However, an "as-is" home sale might be an incredible bargain for the buyer who understands the possible benefits and detriments.

What is an "as-is" home sale? Most of us are familiar with "as-is" used car sales. It means the seller makes no warranties or representations as to the car's condition. Although similar, "as-is" home sales are a bit different, thanks to state laws and court decisions.

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## Journal of a remodeler

Part seven of a series

After a holiday hiatus, my wife, Sonia, and I continue our remodeling saga. For previous articles, go to my Web site at [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com).

**Jan. 20:** Not many contractors have a fabricating shop for granite and marble, let alone allow clients to give direct input on how the stone will be cut. Fortunately, ours is one of the few.

This morning, we met Wei, the granite man, at the contractor's facility. Sonia and I were able to point out the most pleasing patterns in the stone and say where they would go in the kitchen. We had bought three, large slabs just so we would have this flexibility. Wei followed us back to the house to verify his measurements and double check our choice of bull nose edging.

Initially, we decided on a simple, three-quarter-inch beveled bull nose. Today, as we looked at it, we realized the supporting plywood would show unless covered by cabinet molding. This will not work on the curved portion of the countertop.

Now, having more information, we changed our selection to a one and one-half-inch DuPont bull nose. This entails gluing two granite pieces together to create the edging.

It will look wonderful and cover the underlying plywood, but will come at a higher price for labor, a familiar theme during our remodeling project. Again, having that extra granite slab has saved us.

We also discussed if the full-height, granite backsplash would be flush with the end cabinets or with the counter and the style of the granite window sill over the kitchen sink. Happily, Wei seems to understand our preferences and we are grateful that he is part of a crew that solicits our input.

Courtney, the man we hired to install glass in the new shower, did not show up nor return my three voice mail messages. Finally, he

called after 8 p.m. and said he had had a family emergency. We understood his situation, but we are in a time crunch as the crew must finish the master bath in the next few days. He agreed to come on Sunday, Jan. 22 to put in the glass.

**Jan. 22:** Courtney came and installed the shower glass perfectly. It is even better than we envisioned.

**Jan. 23:** The heating contractor came back to put in the thermostat. The entire house is now heated, not just the room where we have been "camping" these past months.

**Jan. 24:** The replacement kitchen cabinet was delivered and put in place. Our toilet and pedestal sink were reinstalled in the newly expanded master bath. The electrician mounted the light fixture and my shaving mirror. Finally, one room is complete.

I called the floor refinishing people and got on the schedule for March 6, the earliest they can begin. Sam, the foreman, tried to put in the kitchen sink foot pedal, but one of the internal parts had been damaged during manufacturing. A replacement part is being mailed to us.

After Sam completed the new molding around the existing, in-the-wall, ironing board, we noticed something missing — the electric outlet that used to be to the right had disappeared. We asked Lee, the electrician's number one man, and he pointed to the plans, where the ironing board was included, but the outlet was not.

Lee, who had previously been very diligent about checking with us, had gone ahead and removed the outlet without asking how we could use an ironing board without electricity.

Needless to say, we had Lee put in another outlet inside the ironing board frame. As before, we were blindsided by architect carelessness, adding to our costs.

**Jan. 30:** Wei made a third house visit to measure again for granite. There is a problem with a section



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of wall that is out-of-square. The granite will be installed Feb. 2 and, although everything else will be pre-cut; Wei will cut that section at the house to assure it fits properly.

**Feb. 1:** A mega-problem - we did not know that the wrong bathtub had been delivered for the hall bath until it was installed. It had been wrapped up in a wooden crate until then. It is too shallow and, as Sonia pointed out, looks exactly like a Victorian coffin.

We are told the correct one will not arrive for three weeks. This stops all construction and will delay completion. To save time, we will have the painter begin while we await bathtub delivery.

**Feb. 2:** Exciting day — granite will be installed today. Good news and bad news: six men struggled mightily to carry the largest slab (nine feet long, over 400 lbs.) up our twelve steps, around a tight corner and into the kitchen.

The good news is it is gorgeous and the bull nose perfect. Bad news is they dropped it, breaking a section of bull nose, including one of the curved corners. Wei swore he could fix it so no one will notice. To our relief, his repairs were seamless.

The Brazilian stone, a million years in the making, has a three dimensional feel of moving water in its creams, blacks, silvers, russets, whites and plums. The new countertops are even more beautiful than we had imagined.

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## Tarpoiff

FROM PAGE B4

more visually interesting opposite side of the room reflected in the mirror. Also reflected in that mirror were very clean surfaces. Clean is paramount and should, we think, never be overlooked, even in houses that are in disrepair. We've had listings that needed new foundations and roofs, neglected houses that would require new kitchens, baths, complete makeovers. Nevertheless, when they came on the market, they were clean. There was not too much in the

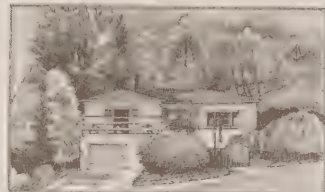
rooms of these houses but there was at least one comfortable spot in which to sit, and there was sufficient lighting for viewing after the sun went down.

In all of our listings the rooms — indeed, the entire houses — had been cleaned before the stager arrived. If there were things left undone, the stager either attended to them personally or asked us or the seller to fix them. No one met any of our "children" and wondered why we didn't bathe them before they were dressed.

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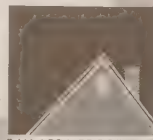
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Every year, dozens of people head along Highway 36 through the redwoods, past the rickety barns and rusty farm equipment, several of them dressed like space aliens, to throw "flying saucers" off the old bridge into the Van Duzen River.

The flying saucer that travels the farthest wins its flinger a vacation in any spot around the world in a time-share program.

The last person who won Bridgeville's annual summertime "Bridgefest" contest, however, hasn't yet claimed the prize. It's as if they don't want to leave Humboldt County, where Bridgeville, a barely populated hole in the woods, is a mere dot on the map.

Ask anyone around here, if you can find anyone around here, and they'll tell you that the flying-saucer toss is the social highlight of the year. For people accustomed to a slightly faster-paced life, Bridgeville might as well be Mars.

Bruce Krall, the Laguna Hills, Calif., mortgage banker who bought Bridgeville in 2004, loves his quirky little slice of nowhere.

"At night, when the clouds roll in over those mountains, it's spectacular," Krall said, a bit of sadness ev-

ident in his voice. On Tuesday, he's going to do something that several of Bridgeville's 18 residents — who have come to like their long-dis-

tance landlord — do not want him to do.

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**BRUCE KRALL IS SELLING BRIDGEVILLE.** The old bridge over the Van Duzen River from which Bridgeville derived its name was built in 1925. It's been replaced by a larger span, and is no longer in use, but remains as a landmark.

## Bruss

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The old days of caveat emptor are long-gone in most residential sales. Today's rule seems to have become "Home seller, beware of the buyer's lawyer."

When a home is sold "as-is," that means the seller makes no warranties or representations, and will not pay for any repairs of even obvious defects. However, in most states "as-is" home sellers are now required to disclose to their buyers all known defects in the residence. The buyer can then consider these disclosed defects when making a purchase offer.

For home buyers, an "as-is" sale is a "red flag" warning to be especially careful. At a minimum, buyers of "as-is" houses and condos should make their purchase offers contingent on a satisfactory professional inspection by a reputable inspector.

Personally, I recommend members of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) because of their tough membership requirements. Local ASHI members can be located at [www.ashi.com](http://www.ashi.com) or 1-800-743-ASHI.

**Why some home sellers sell "as-is."** As experienced real estate agents know, many homes are listed for sale "as-is" for a variety of reasons.

The three major reasons for selling "as-is" are 1) the seller doesn't

have the funds to correct the disclosed defects and prefers to discount the sales price instead, 2) an older fixer-upper house is likely to be renovated to the buyer's standards, and 3) the seller doesn't want the inconvenience and hassle of making repairs.

Additional reasons for "as-is" home sales include the seller 1) didn't live in the house and is not familiar with its possible defects, 2) recently acquired the property by inheritance or purchase and just wants to make a quick profit, or 3) has owned the home many years and doesn't care about getting top dollar for the property.

**The unspoken reason for selling "as-is."** But there is another unspoken reason some home sellers sell "as-is." They think they can get away with selling a home, which has a hidden defect that the buyer or a professional inspector won't discover.

For example, a few months ago I received a letter from a nice couple who bought their first home with virtually every dollar they had. Shortly after moving in, the sewer backed up into the basement. Upon investigation, the buyers learned the sewer pipe to the street was badly broken and needed replacement. They spent about \$4,750 for a new sewer line and basement cleanup.

After talking with their new neighbors, they learned the Roto-Rooter man was a frequent visitor to the house so the seller obviously knew

of the problem. Unfortunately, for the buyers, the seller had moved out of the area and couldn't be easily sued for damages.

Unless there was evidence in the basement of previous sewer backups, even the world's greatest listing real estate agent and professional home inspector probably never would have discovered this serious defect.

**Don't reject an "as-is" home.** Personally, I've bought many "as-is" residences for investment, which were incredible bargains. However, I always insisted on making my "as-is" purchase offers contingent upon approval of a professional inspector's report.

To illustrate, the best "as-is" bargain I ever purchased was a house that had been rejected by dozens of other prospective buyers. As I walked into the living room and saw the ugly crack in the fireplace brick, my first reaction was "yuck."

However, I made a very low purchase offer, contingent on the approval of a professional inspection, thinking my "low-ball" offer would be rejected. To my surprise, my offer was accepted.

Of course, I accompanied my professional inspector and asked him many questions about the fireplace, which he thoroughly inspected, even up in the attic. He reported it was just a superficial but very ugly crack, which could be repaired for about \$150 with special fireplace mortar.

**How to handle undisclosed home defects.** Buyers of "as-is"

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## Bridgeville

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He's going to open bidding on his 83-acre town on eBay. You might have heard about Bridgeville, which got some notoriety in 2003 when it became known as the first town ever sold on eBay.

The problem with that story is it isn't true. You could call it an urban legend if there were anything urban about Bridgeville. More accurately, it's a sub-urban legend.

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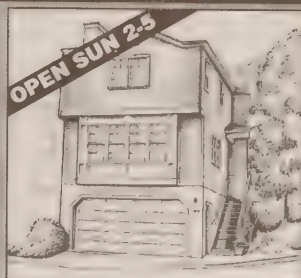
eBay, gaining international media attention, but it never sold. Potential buyer after potential buyer either backed out of the deal or was not qualified to pay the \$1.77 million asking price. The property sat for a year without a buyer.

Enter Krall, 46, husband, father, T-ball coach. During the week, he's attached to his BlackBerry, hammering out commercial real estate deals. Most of the time, he carries scratch paper to jot down notes from constant calls or text messages.

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## Bridgeville

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A couple of times a year, he likes to get away.

He leaves home for a few days to swim with dolphins, to meditate silently, to do some yoga, to get in touch with his inner Bruce. Once, he went to a retreat about how to start your own retreat business.

You don't have to be a Zen master to figure out where he got the idea. Why not open your own retreat?

For years, Krall had been interested in buying property. A deal in Mendocino fell through. Another attempt to buy land along the central coast of California didn't close.

In 2004, his father found a real estate listing for Bridgeville, which had fallen into disrepair when its previous owner, an antique dealer whose family had health problems, neglected the former stagecoach town. Krall had never heard of Bridgeville's eBay fame when he called the real estate agent.

The price had slipped to \$700,000, just more than the average price of a new Orange County home. Then he visited the place. Done deal.

You've heard of the one-stop-light town. This is a no-stoplight town.

This would be a one-horse town if there were a horse. There are three cows that graze on the hill.

There is a post office, where a paper taped to the bulletin board announces: "Missing Dog, wolf/husky mix." The post office also serves as the library with old paperbacks waiting to be checked out. The sound you hear, sometimes building to a roar, is the rushing Van Duzen River, where Krall's sons, 3 and 5, "like to swim ... naked" when they're here on vacation.

The school/community center is the hub of Bridgeville, drawing students and families from as far as 100 miles away. The school and a fire-services camp, which is populated during the drier months, both sit just outside Krall's property line.

Inside the property line sit: two bridges (one of them a historic landmark), eight tiny pink, green and blue houses, a main house with majestic views of redwood-covered hillsides, a vacant maroon cafe, and the Bridgeville cemetery, which has more headstones (19) than the town currently has residents.

"I'm the lady up on the hill," says Skylar Blue, known as Sky, who moved here from Texas to be closer to her daughter, a student at Humboldt State. Her prized possession is a 1960s Woodstock poster she hung on her living-room wall.

She left Texas to get a new start. "Everybody tries to fix you up with some old toothless guy," she says of her former home.

She won't be finding many toothless guys in Bridgeville, where there aren't many guys at all.

"I like my privacy," Sky Blue, 49, says. She'd better.

Most out-of-towners who stop at the post office ask: Where can I find gas? Where can I find water? Where can I find a bathroom?

The answer to all three questions is about two miles down the road at a place called Swains Flat, a general store with a couple of gas pumps.

Krall spent almost as much as he paid for the place to clean it up. He hired his brother-in-law, Steve Kyllis, to live in and manage Bridgeville. Krall and Kyllis had a bulldozer knock down what was left of the general store. They hauled away 10 semi trucks full of trash. They installed a septic system and rebuilt more than a few roofs. The houses they refurbished are now almost all filled with tenants. One or two buildings still need repair.

On a recent Friday, Krall showed up with a 12-pack of beer for Chris Hanisko, who moved his family here from San Diego and lives with his wife and kids in a little pink house.

"It's absolute seclusion, and I love it," Hanisko says. "I've had too much of the city."

Krall can take you to the spot, on the edge of the black-sand Van Duzen, and show you where he was going to put the bungalows. There would be 10 here, and 10 up the river a ways near the old "China camp," where Chinese workers stayed while they were building the railroad.

He wanted a conference center and a dining hall. He planned to have pathways that led all through town and into the woods, pathways for introspective walks.

When he talks about Bridgeville, you can tell Krall really loves it. "Can you imagine sitting in a cabin up here, listening to the flow of the river?" he asks.

The remoteness of the place is what he liked.

But the remoteness of the place is why he's selling. About six months ago, he and his wife were having dinner in nearby Eureka, and the thought came to them at the same time.

He wasn't even standing in the middle of the Van Duzen River when he got cold feet.

Their life in Southern California is too good.

The Kralls are constantly taking the kids to soccer practice or arts and crafts classes at the Laguna

Hills Recreation Center.

Elisa Krall doesn't want to leave her MOPS group — Mothers of Preschoolers.

But most important, the Kralls live close to both sets of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In the end, the Kralls couldn't walk away from the schools, the parks, the recreation programs. They couldn't walk away from their extended families. Krall couldn't walk away from his mortgage banking job, which he loves.

"There is no question that it's beautiful, but it was a little too far," says Elisa. "As time went on, it really sunk in that we couldn't do it."

Bruce Krall says he didn't want to be the bad guy and pull his family away from their great life. He said

he saw "The Mosquito Coast," a film in which Harrison Ford plays an uncompromising father who moves his family into a remote jungle.

Bridgeville isn't the jungle. But it isn't the city, either.

"I'm couldn't have them look at me and say 'Dad, what did you do?'" he says.

He and his wife agreed that his dream of operating a retreat center isn't dead. It is merely on hold, until they find a closer, less remote location.

"I'll do it ... someday," he says. Enter eBay.

He didn't buy it on eBay, but he's going to sell it there.

As soon as he decided to sell, he wanted to capitalize on the notoriety that the town received. So he contacted Jenny Kompolt, who

runs eBay's high-end auctions.

Recently, Kompolt has auctioned a lunch with Warren Buffett, the last flight on the Concorde, a \$400,000 complete set of Air Jordan sneakers and one of Jay Leno's motorcycles.

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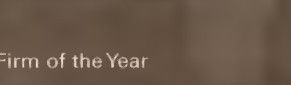
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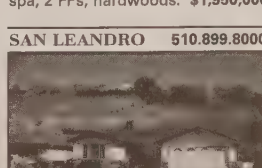
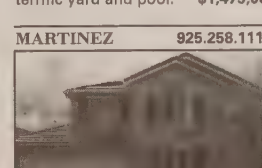

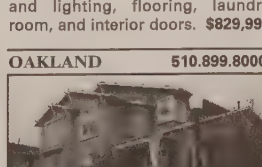
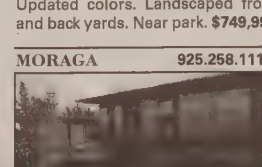
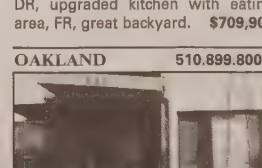
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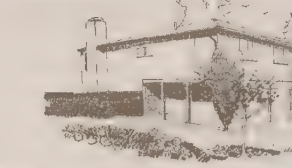
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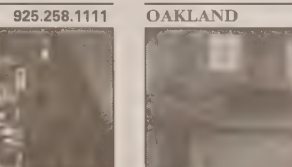
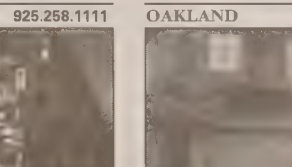
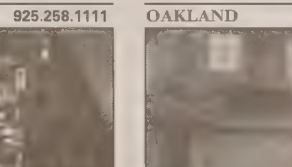
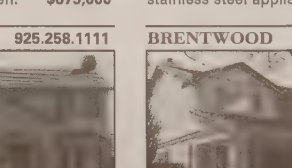
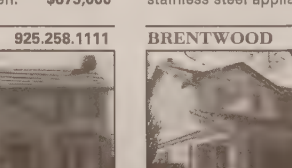
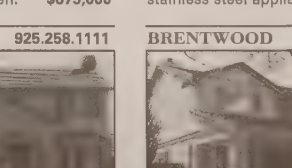



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# Mortgage company brews up refinance nightmare

Q. In 1998 we re-financed our home for extra cash to help a failing business. About two months after closing, we discovered all kinds of charges and a higher interest rate than had been disclosed. The mortgage company will go unnamed.

We immediately began documenting our correspondence and how the manager had completely misrepresented the contract. After about six months we refused to make payments, as we were getting nowhere. Finally in 1999 they filed to foreclose on the property.

To everyone's amazement, there had been a very large IRS tax lien

filed on the property against me from a disputed tax debt. My wife's name is the only one on the title. The IRS had filed a lien incorrectly. The mortgage company paid the full amount of the tax lien to the IRS! The debt was scheduled to expire according to our accountants the next week. We assume the mortgage company paid it so they thought they would have a clear shot at the foreclosure. Dumb.

We never heard from the mortgage company again until 2003. My attorneys filed a brilliant, detailed brief for the filing in 1999. The judge "dismissed it without prejudice" in

2003. The judge agreed they paid a debt that was not owed on the property and found merit in the contract dispute. Several years ago the mortgage company lost a class-action suit for this very type of behavior. Here it is 2006 and we still have not heard one word from them.

All attorneys have agreed the best thing to do is nothing. I live in the home and it is maintained in perfect condition. The current value is approximately \$120,000. I don't know if we were lost or someone at the mortgage company buried our file because of the blunder.

In our brief filed, which was an

excellent document, among other things it was our position that the financial contract was fraudulent. As much as I am happy with no house payment for the last eight years, and thinking I own the home outright, either the mortgage company or me will have to file in court and let a judge decide to get a clear title. Any thoughts on this bizarre situation?



THOMAS MUSIL  
Real Estate Q&A

A. I cannot begin to explain the actions of the mortgage company

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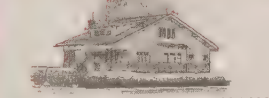


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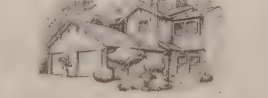
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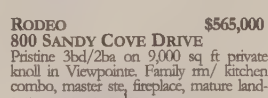
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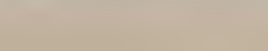
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# Repairing those mirrorglass scratches

Q: We have a 42-inch glass top on our kitchen table. It has some scratches that we would like to remove. Is there anything we can do ourselves, or do you recommend taking the top to a mirror/glass repairer? What are the chances for good restoration?

A: I believe the chances are between 50-50 that professionals can fix the scratches. Though there are all sorts of do-it-yourself products on the market, some work, some don't, and it often depends on the skill level of the user. And finally, how many of us are qualified to do this? Q: We had a glass repairer in the summer and fall; we have not seen any winter. Is there something you recommend to exterminate these scratches should they return in the warmer weather?

A: First, discover where the scratches are getting inside and stop the holes. If that fails to keep them out, the Canadian version of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency suggests mixing some moose and vanilla extract or lemon juice in water. Crickets are lured to bait and drown in it. A flyswatter works very nicely, too. On the other hand, some cultures believe crickets bring good luck to a house. So you may just decide to live with them.

Q: Due to condensation in my basement, I had vents in the soffits, an attic fan put in the humidistat, and more insulation (R-30 on top of the R-19 that was already there). The house is only 10 years old (prior owner did it) and has a ridge beam. But I believe the area for air to flow should be two inches or so above the ridge beam (top of the roof). Mine has only a half-inch or so.

Q: Do you have a suggestion as to what relative humidity the humidistat should be set? In the attic is a dormer area of 10 or 12 square feet. In this area, I still see some soot or roofing nails with a little moisture on them, despite all the insulation I mentioned. The humidity is so little that I thought I should ignore it. What do you think?

A: For natural ventilation, the rule is one square foot of vent area for every 300 square feet of attic area. If there is plastic vapor retardant in the ceiling, and one square foot of vent area for each 150 square feet of attic area if there is no retardant, the vent area should be near roof peak and half at the eaves. The vents should be used to ensure that rain water is not blocked by insulation, and that wind does not blow the insulation, reducing the value.

Assuming you've installed an attic fan, is this the proper size to han-

## Musil

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refinanced your home. Unfortunately, the fact that the mortgage company has not required you to make payments on your home does not automatically mean that they will forgive the debt and your obligations in the note and mortgage. Actions of incompetent employees do not cancel the rights and obligations of the mortgage company. You should consult with an attorney to determine your rights under Oklahoma law. I would think the mortgage company would want to get too much publicity about this matter and you may be able to negotiate a settlement. Otherwise, you could go into court and file a quiet title action. A quiet title action will address all parties that might have an interest in the property. Quiet title actions are used in cases of possession claims and to clear up deed terminations to make a marketable title for a property.

In a broader sense your question points out the protections that mortgage borrowers have under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA). RESPA requires lenders to fully inform about all closing and settlement costs, lender fees, escrow account practices and the business relationships between the closing company and parties involved in the transaction. RESPA applies to mortgage loans on one to four family residential properties including loans to purchase the property, assumption, refinancing, home improvement loans and equity lines of credit.

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die the space, then I'd set the humidity level based on observation. Start with the humidistat set at 30 percent for a while, then adjust it down if condensation begins to form in the attic. I've just finished reading a Canadian study that cited a maximum moisture level of 30 percent on north-facing roof sheathing as unacceptable and 19 percent as being acceptable. Experiment for the best results.



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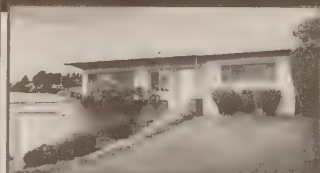
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OAKLAND  
420 57th Street Sun 1-5 \$695,000  
Beautiful Rockridge charmer 3 bd/1ba, large bonus rm, formal dining rm, fireplace, hrdwd flrs, bay windows, eat-in kit, high ceilings. Close to College Ave. BART  
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7028 Balsam Way Sun 1-4 \$635,000  
Lowest priced home in the area! Charming 3bd/2ba property is located in one of Oakland's most desirable neighborhoods. Very private w/ great potential!! Adjoining lot also available for purchase  
Stella Tsakonas 925.878.6603



OAKLAND  
4519 Shafter Ave. Sun 1:30-4:30 \$699,000  
Newer home in Trendy Temescal, 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/ huge 2-car garage & private yard! Close to everything including Rockridge! A must see!  
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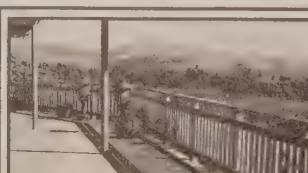
OAKLAND  
5238 Leona St. Sun 1-4 \$479,000  
Unique 1 bedroom, 1 bath home with creek side setting. Huge deck, large lot, new paint, carpet & tile flooring & more! Call agent for more details  
Sandra Thomas 925.253.7051



OAKLAND  
1 Lakeside Dr. #202 Sun 1-4 \$415,000  
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Great Opportunity \$369,000  
Beautiful remodeled traditional 2 bedroom, 1 bath hardwood floors, fireplace, eat-in kitchen, landscaped huge yard, full basement attached garage. Great!  
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ORINDA  
10 Westover Court Sun 1-4 \$1,399,000  
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Cute 3bd/1ba home -- hardwood floors, new double pane windows, tiled kitchen and bath. Roof is 5 years old. White picket fence front yard and many fruit trees in backyard \$425,000

## San Francisco -- Mission

Beautiful 3-unit Edwardian. 2 bd units, wonderfully updated 3bd top floor unit with views to Twin Peaks. Ideal investment or as TICs (two units vacant at COE). \$1,795,000

## Mill Valley

Charming 4 bd, 1 ba home in popular Sycamore Park close to schools, rec center, downtown & more. Refinished floors and new paint inside and outside facade. Use as is or bring your imagination. There's lots of potential. \$950,000



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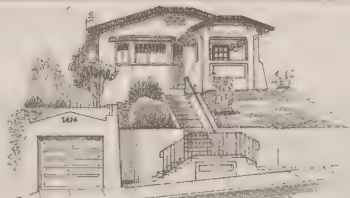
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- Artistically landscaped
- French doors from kitchen to deck and gardens

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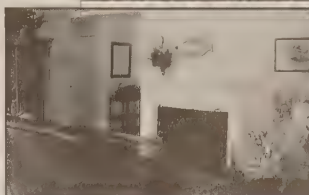
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## 2581 EL CAMINITO ~ Montclair

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73-77 Panoramic Way Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$743,800  
3/1.5 - Crocker Highlands charmer! First time on the market in 40 years! Very well maintained. Home exemplifies pride of ownership!  
698 Calmar Avenue Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$899,000  
5/4 - Beautiful home on 4 floors, over 4,000 sq.ft. living space & income potential! Bay views, fireplace, remodeled kitchen, updated baths.  
8801 Skyline Boulevard Open 2-4



**RICHMOND - NEW!** \$439,000  
2/1 - Glorious, restored Berkeley-style vintage bungalow. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, tile pedestal sink, large yard Near Clinton Hill  
3228 Clinton Avenue Open 2-5



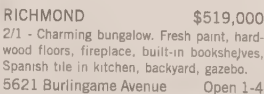
**BERKELEY** \$959,000  
5/3 - Striking Contemporary with panoramic Bay views. Cook's kitchen, family/media room, Japanese garden. [www.heidiandjerry.com](http://www.heidiandjerry.com)  
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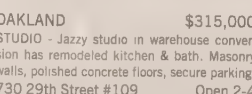
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1+1/2 - 2-story industrial loft with volume & light has concrete & wood floors, 1,620 sq.ft., 2-car covered parking. [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com)  
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**OAKLAND** \$357,000-\$375,000 each  
6 LOFTS - In a very cool warehouse conversion with mezzanines, stained concrete, marble, skylights & more! [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com)  
2201 West Street Open 2-4



**RICHMOND** \$519,000  
2/1 - Charming bungalow. Fresh paint, hardwood floors, fireplace, built-in bookshelves, Spanish tile in kitchen, backyard, gazebo.  
5621 Burlingame Avenue Open 1-4



**OAKLAND** \$315,000  
STUDIO - Jazzy studio in warehouse conversion has remodeled kitchen & bath. Masonry walls, polished concrete floors, secure parking.  
730 29th Street #109 Open 2-4



**OAKLAND** \$149,000  
COMMERCIAL CONDO - Approx. 700 sq.ft. has sink, storage room, and secure parking. [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com)  
730 29th Street #112 Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW!** \$505,000  
2/1 - Charming updated bungalow. Period details, fireplace, hardwood floors throughout, formal dining room, and many upgrades.  
5326 Trask Street Open 2-4



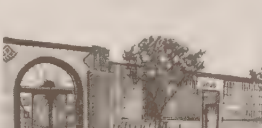
**RICHMOND** \$419,000  
2/1 - Immaculate & charming! Upgraded kitchen with granite counters, new cabinets. Hardwood floors. Near Civic Center.  
525 28th Street Open 1-4



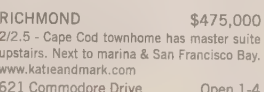
**OAKLAND** \$899,000  
3/2.5 - Elegant English Traditional in desirable Crocker Highlands. Stately living room, formal dining room, private rear yard, more!  
842 Carleton Avenue Open 2-4:30



**OAKLAND** \$439,000  
LOFT - Sunwashed with private garden, mezzanine, stainless steel kitchen, skylights, secure parking. [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com)  
2323 Magnolia Street #1 Open 2-4



**OAKLAND** \$499,000  
1+1/2 - Stunning designer warehouse loft with slate floors, fabulous mezzanine, masonry walls, skylights. [www.saragarabedian.com](http://www.saragarabedian.com)  
3015 Myrtle Street #19 Open 2-4:30



**RICHMOND** \$475,000  
2/2.5 - Cape Cod townhome has master suite upstairs. Next to marina & San Francisco Bay. [www.katieandmark.com](http://www.katieandmark.com)  
621 Commodore Drive Open 1-4



**EL SOBRANTE - NEW!** \$495,000  
2/2 - Charming La Colina home has spacious family room, hardwood floors, large rear yard, attached garage.  
3917 El Monte Road Open 1-4

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**EMERYVILLE** \$265,000  
STUDIO - Updated studio in Watergate. Kitchen with tile floors, new granite counters & appliances. [www.katieandmark.com](http://www.katieandmark.com)

**OAKLAND** \$1,250,000  
3/3 - Fantastic 2,400 sq.ft. complete remodel with high-end finishing touches in 2004. [www.charliecookproperties.com](http://www.charliecookproperties.com)

**BERKELEY** \$595,000  
COMMERCIAL CONDO - Amazing & fully remodeled. Custom cabinets, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, stainless steel appliances.

**ALBANY** \$630,000  
2/2 - Great location! Family room, updated kitchen & bath, hardwood floors. Fully developed downstairs with den, bathroom & garage

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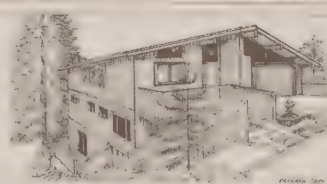


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### Adorable Bungalow!



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Richmond Annex 2 bedroom, 1 bath home is absolutely adorable. Wide planked hardwood flooring & fresh warm paint colors are found through out. Living room provides built-in bookshelves & wood burning fireplace. Adjacent to the kitchen is an informal dining area with sliding glass doors that lead to a deck & backyard complete with a gazebo intertwined with jasmine. Spanish tiled kitchen floors give flare to this sunlit eat-in kitchen. The beautifully remodeled bathroom boasts Mexican tiled floors, pedestal sink, modern light fixtures & a tile tub surround. Attached garage. Close to El Cerrito shops & BART.

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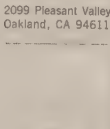
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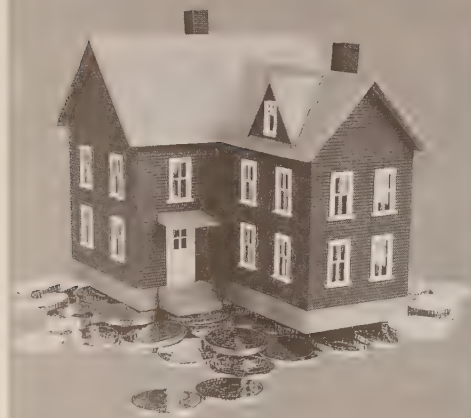
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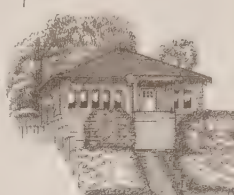
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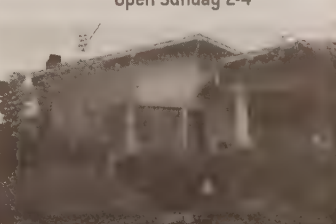
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Montclair. Double size lot of 12000+ sq. ft. Renovated in the 80's, this spacious home has 3BD/3BA, in-law/family room, formal dining room, living room with fireplace, hardwood floors, two car garage, level yard.

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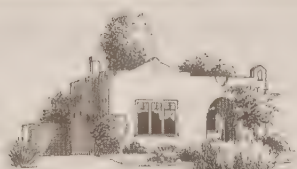
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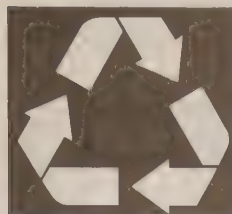
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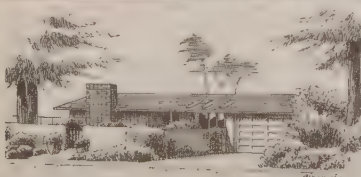


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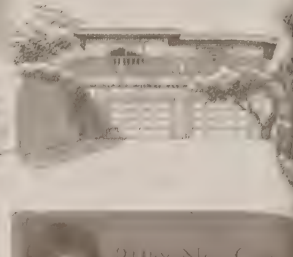
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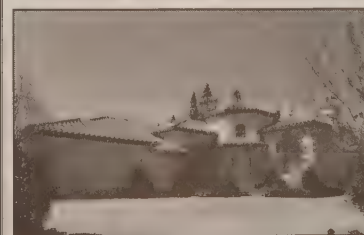
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64 CLARENDON CRESCENT

Glimpse San Francisco bridges from the Master Bedroom deck overlooking a large, level backyard. Extensive updates of this 5 bedroom home include custom wood windows and a gourmet kitchen Range. Other amenities: hardwood floors, updated bathrooms, and a two car garage.



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124 GUILFORD ROAD

A gracious home located on one of Piedmont's most coveted streets, featuring four bedrooms and two and one-half baths. The master suite includes his and hers walk-in closets. Grand-scale formal rooms. New flooring, new granite & Bosch dishwasher in kitchen. Large, level rear garden and patio. Simply stunning.



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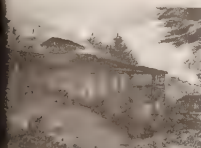
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25 NASHUA DR.  
55 BA Modern Craftsman. Design Right Pool, over .5 acre lot.  
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BARBARA MARIENTHAL 510.486.1495



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6117 FAIRLANE DRIVE  
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**MONTCLAIR**  
2699 HAVERHILL DR.  
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3815 BAYO STREET  
4+ BR 2 BA Dramatic multi-level home. Amazing loft w/partial bay view. Studio near garden, hrdwd.  
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**OAKLAND**  
3279 MARKET STREET  
3 BR 1.5 BA wonderful 2-story spacious home with upgrades yet original charm remains.  
REVA TOLBERT 510.339.4700



**WETITE**  
25 NASHUA DR.  
55 BA Enchanting Mediterranean w/lot w/membership in adjacent park. Rare find!  
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BARBARA MARIENTHAL 510.486.1495



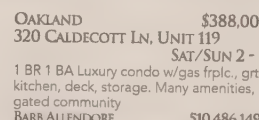
**CROCKER HEADLANDS**  
1064 CLARENDON CRESCENT  
5 BR 2 BA Updated Craftsman home with Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, play yard, two-car garage.  
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1 BR 1 BA Luxury condo w/gas frplc., grt kitchen, deck, storage. Many amenities, gated community  
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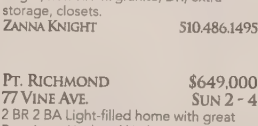
**WETITE**  
25 NASHUA DR.  
55 BA Centerpiece is Liv/Rm/Atrium w/ing ceiling  
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**MONTCLAIR**  
6655 SOBRANTE RD  
3 BR 2.5 BA Fabulous newer home with high-end finish work.  
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**MONTCLAIR**  
2323 MASTLANDS  
4 BR 2 BA Nice San Francisco Bay Views. Gleaming hardwood floors, many tasteful updates.  
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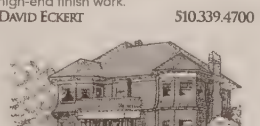
**EL CERRITO**  
1314 RICHMOND ST.  
3 BR 2 BA Large Remodeled Classic Bright, new KIT w/granite, DR, extra storage, closets.  
ZANNA KNIGHT 510.486.1495



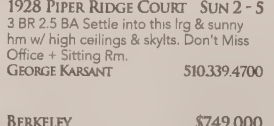
**OAKLAND**  
3 BR 2 BA Emeryville border Condo 1,650 sq ft. New foundation, roof, plumbing, kit, more! SF views  
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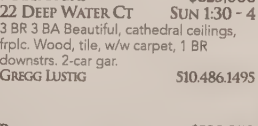
**WETITE**  
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55 BA Beautiful Colonial Revival. Open. Park-like yard. A gem.  
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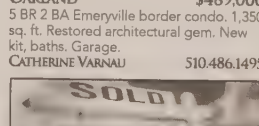
**BERKELEY**  
2820 REGENT ST.  
4+ BR 3 BA Elmwood 2-stry Vict brn shingle, updt'd kitch. Lead glass wndws, hwdw flrs, soaring clngs.  
RITA ZWERDLING 510.486.1495



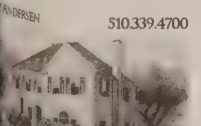
**WALNUT CREEK**  
1928 PIPER RIDGE COURT  
3 BR 2.5 BA Settle into this lrg & sunny hm w/ high ceilings & skylts. Don't Miss Office + Sitting Rm.  
GEORGE KARSANT 510.339.4700



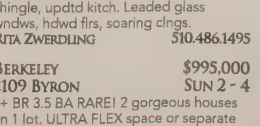
**PT. RICHMOND**  
77 VINE AVE.  
2 BR 2 BA Light-filled home with great Bay views. Updated kitchen. Dining room. Yard with decks.  
NANCY COPELAND 510.486.1495



**MARINA BAY**  
22 DEEP WATER CT  
3 BR 3 BA Beautiful, cathedral ceilings, frplc. Wood, tile, w/w carpet, 1 BR downstrs. 2-car gar.  
GREGG LUSTIG 510.486.1495



**CROCKER HEADLANDS**  
747 ROSEMOUNT RD  
3 BR 2 BA Updated Broadmoor home. Eat-in kitchen, hwdw, LR w/frplc, dining, backyard.  
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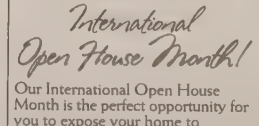
**SEQUOYAH**  
4386 SHORT HILL ROAD  
3 BR 3 BA Custom built in 1951, on lg lot w/nice sense of privacy & lovely views.  
DARCY DIAMANTINE 510.339.4700



**BERKELEY**  
1100 MILLER  
3 BR 2 BA Mid-Century with big Bay view plus basement w/ high ceiling. Eat-in kitchen. Great block.  
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**PINOLE**  
1480 KILDARE WAY  
3 BR 2 BA Charming Ranch w/Open fir Plan & Private Yd. Hwdw Floors, Show Beautifully. Don't Miss It!  
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**OAKLAND**  
374 HERMA COURT  
3 BR 2 BA Updated Broadmoor home. Eat-in kitchen, hwdw, LR w/frplc, dining, backyard.  
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3 BR 2 BA Emeryville border Condo 1,650 sq ft. New foundation, roof, plumbing, kit, more! SF views  
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**OAKLAND**  
5 BR 2 BA Emeryville border condo, 1,350 sq. ft. Restored architectural gem. New kit, baths, Garage.  
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# Tomorrow's seminar highlights programs for nurses

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In the tradition of Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale, our modern day nurses dedicate their lives to our communities. But the future of quality health care is in jeopardy, due to a nursing shortage. Forecasts predict our nurse population will continue to decrease, if solutions are not found. A primary problem is many of these professionals cannot afford to buy a home, in the cities where they offer care.

With salaries in a low to moderate range, they question if homeownership is an attainable goal. But

Congress has introduced a tax credit bill hoping to encourage the building of more affordable housing. The FHA is considering a zero downpayment loan for qualified borrowers. Additionally, the state offers programs specifically for nurses.

A free seminar, "First Homes for Nurses" is scheduled tomorrow from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the RE/MAX Conference Center. Realtor Jonathan Fleming of RE/MAX In Motion presents the free class.

One of Fleming's areas of specialization is real estate education. His team includes specialists knowl-

edgeable about financial products geared for those in the public service sector. Fleming also offers relocation help for those new to the area, with worldwide RE/MAX contacts.

"I have a deep understanding of these men and women who assist our communities, because I have family members who serve the public," said Fleming. "We offer advice and guidance without pressure. The state and lenders offer options with health care professionals in mind."

Gain information on assistance programs targeted for nurses. Learn if you must establish a credit history

before buying? Are there low-down payment or zero down programs?

Other first-time buyers are also welcome. You must pre-register. Seating is limited. Attendees receive special services discounts from the presenters and a free credit report evaluation. To learn more contact Fleming at 888-681-7771 ext. 708 or visit [www.rhhomebuyingprogram.com](http://www.rhhomebuyingprogram.com).

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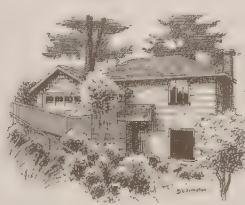
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NEW LISTING IN MONTCLAIR! Move right in and enjoy the serenity of this impeccably maintained 1950 Montclair home. Spacious, well proportioned rooms with upgraded kitchen and baths. Incredible outdoor spaces including a slate patio in front, enormous deck spanning the entire back of the home, & fenced back garden. Interior access from the 2-car garage. 3+ BR, 3.5 BA; in-law unit with separate entrance. A very special property!

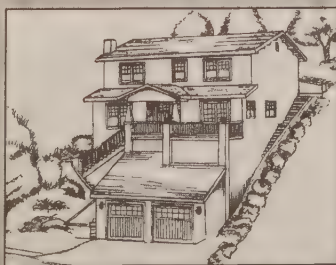
6560 Saroni Drive, Oakland  
Offered at \$859,000

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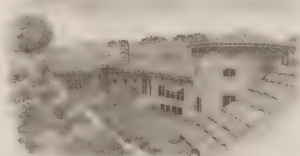
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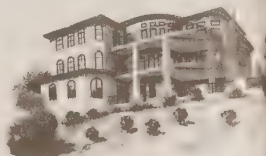
SOLD!



11 Drury Court, Oakland

Custom-built in 2006. Secluded and gated location. Views of San Francisco Bay and East Bay Hills. Charming European styling and craftsmanship. Lovely level yard with grass.

Offered at \$3,250,000



1555 Grandview Drive, Oakland

Gorgeous newer construction with sweeping bay views. One of 3 homes in gated end. Mediterranean style 5BR/4.5BA estate w/7,000+ sq ft.

Offered at \$3,550,000

Susan Peterson

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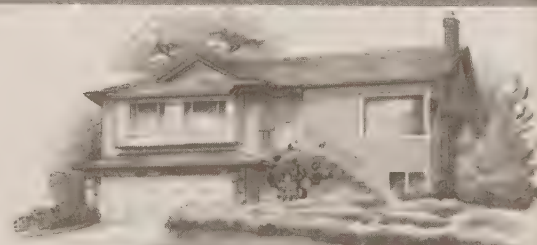
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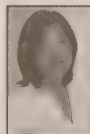


3518 Rubin Drive, Oakland

Meticulously maintained and loved by its owner, this custom built home offers fabulous space in a sunny location of the Joaquin Miller area. A huge media/game room has high ceilings and a fireplace. The garage is large enough for 3 cars, a workshop and storage. Accessible kitchen, the large level backyard has a patio and lawn area. Located on a cul-de-sac off parks, freeway and Montclair Village.

\* 5 bedrooms, 3 baths \* Media/game room \* Formal dining room \* Eat-in-kitchen

\* 2 Fireplaces \* Filtered bay views \* Dual-paned windows



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6517 HARWOOD AVENUE, OAKLAND, CA

A rare offering in the sought after neighborhood of Rockridge awaits your vision in this beautifully built, turn-of-the-century home. Built to exacting standards for its day, and expressing the deepest respect for old-fashioned grandeur, this home invites lingering appreciation. Among 15 generously scaled principal rooms, the formal living, dining and music/library rooms embody, most eloquently, this tradition with natural wood paneling, pocket doors, window bench seating, tiled fireplaces, grand ceiling and floor moldings, ample windows and hardwood floors. With its cosmopolitan ties to famed College Avenue's shops, award-winning restaurants, B.A.R.T. and the University of California at Berkeley, this home will not disappoint. OFFERED FOR SALE "AS-IS" AT \$1,695,000

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- 4 bedrooms, 2 and 1/2 baths include large bedroom with sitting room
- Formal living, dining, music/library, enclosed south facing veranda
- Kitchen, breakfast room, laundry, enclosed sun-porch
- Tower room with 360-degree view
- 3 fireplaces

### Lower Level

- 2 bedrooms, 1 bath includes a living room and separate formal entrance
- Storage room with utility sink and unfinished floor
- Detached gardeners room below carriage house with 1/2 bath-could become guest quarters
- 2-car detached garage



Patricia Scott Winslow

415.380.2161

In harmony with its own classic attitude, the grounds speak of loving, long residence. A bounteous variety of level lawn, stone fountains, formal roses, perennials, grasses and many trees offering shade, flowers and fruit.



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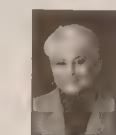
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## NEW SAN LEANDRO LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1-4PM



**2466 Marineview Drive, San Leandro**  
**Offered at \$1,069,000**



**Diane E. McCan**  
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## REDWOOD HEIGHTS OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2-4:30PM



**4457 Reinhardt Drive, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$699,000**

Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath traditional with Bay views in desirable Redwood Heights with maximum curb appeal! Delightful sun-drenched home with distinct architectural details, newly refinished hardwood floors and a wonderful bonus room off the living room. Enjoy dramatic sunsets from the comfort of your home. The rear yard is large, level and includes a deck. Attached garage with an additional 2 bonus rooms for storage. The garden is sweet and can be enjoyed by those who love to garden!

## NEW GLENVIEW LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2-5PM



**1334 El Centro Avenue, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$669,000**



**Jennie Flanigan**  
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## COMING SOON IN LAKESHORE



**322 Hanover Avenue #413, Oakland**  
**Offered at \$525,000**

Take in the stunning views of Lake Merritt and Downtown Oakland from this beautiful and sophisticated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. This fourth floor condo boasts gleaming bamboo floors, rich designer colors and an updated kitchen with granite countertops and stainless appliances. Expansive wrap-around deck big enough for a table, chairs and many flowering plants.

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

**SAN LEANDRO \$1,069,000**  
**2466 MARINEVIEW DR.** (Open 1-4)  
Stunning Bay-O-Vista contemporary. Extensively renovated in 2002 by Grandview Building Co. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, gourmet kitchen, family room, 2 fireplaces, custom finishes. Candy Benmyi x1328



**BERKELEY \$699,000**  
**1321 ORDWAY ST.**  
Charming 2BR/1BA bungalow. Tastefully updated. Spacious kitchen/family room opening onto wonderful garden & patio. Near shopping & BART. Leslie Avant x1341

**TEMESCAL \$525,000**  
**427 50TH ST.**  
Large 2+ bedroom, 1+ bath home right in the middle of where you want to be. Needs cosmetics, but good bones and low pest. Tom Nemeth x1381

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,500,000**  
**3035 MANCHESTER AVE.**  
Wonderful 4+BR/4+BA Traditional w/fabulous w/ views. Master bedroom w/fireplace, billiard room w/fireplace & 50th style soda fountain, separate library, beautiful gardens. Francis Heath x1357



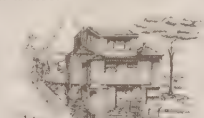
**OAKLAND \$859,000**  
**6560 SARONI DR.**  
Spacious, well-proportioned rooms with upgraded kitchen and bath. 3+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, in-law unit, 2-car garage. Ann Nichols x1319



**HAYWARD \$515,000**  
**17148 LOS BANOS ST.**  
Bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath with separate studio in rear. Fenced yard with hot tub, views. Refinished hardwood, dual pane windows, decks, 1-car garage, storage. Lee Jacobson x1309



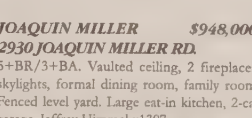
**JOAQUIN MILLER \$949,000**  
**3518 RUBIN DR.**  
5 bedrooms, 3 baths. Media/game room. Formal dining room. Eat-in kitchen. 2 fireplaces, filtered bay views, dual-pane windows. Donna Costella x1355



**JOAQUIN MILLER \$669,000**  
**1334 EL CENTRO AVE** (Open 2-5)  
Sophisticated 2+BR, 1BA craftsman bungalow situated on one of Glenview's coveted tree-lined streets. Built in 1924. Formal living and dining, sunny kitchen. Ideal location. Christian Downer x1340



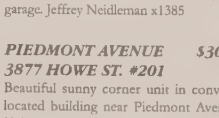
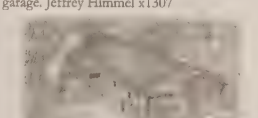
**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,725,000**  
**5234 COCHRANE**  
Chic, contemporary on prime street. Uplifting design with high ceilings and generous spaces. 5+BR/2+BA, family room with fireplace, large kitchen, breakfast area. David Ichikawa x1331



**MONTCLAIR \$749,000**  
**6155 WESTOVER DR.**  
Light and bright Montclair contemporary with three+ bedrooms, two and one half baths. Decks. Lots of terrific features. Sandi Klemmer x1314

**CROCKETT \$649,000**  
**13 BALDWIN AVE.**  
Serene water views. Wonderful bungalow with 2BR/2BA on 2 levels. Main level consists of gracious formal rooms and an eat-in kitchen opening to large deck with fire pit. Large front yard. Michelle Vasey x1359

**OAKLAND \$469,000**  
**869 McELROY ST.** (Open 2-4)  
Stylish urban retreat w/3BR/2BA, ample living space & dramatic architecture. Renovated kitchen, fully fenced lot, master suite, attached garage. Jeffrey Neideman x1385



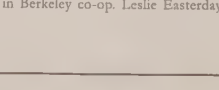
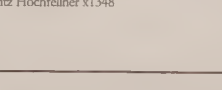
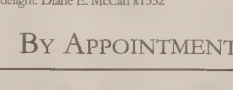
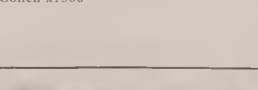
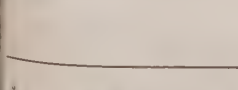
**PIEDMONT \$1,495,000**  
**505 SCENIC AVE.**  
Magnificent estate on over 1/2 acre of wooded setting. Swimming, decking, bay views. 4BR/3BA, stylish kitchen, family room, home office. 505Scenic.com. Kathy Celeste x1370

**MONTCLAIR \$879,000**  
**6601 HEATHER RIDGE WY.**  
Four bedroom, three bath home. Family room, fabulous updated kitchen, large yard, decks. Very secluded setting. Dick Cohen x1308

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$699,000**  
**4457 REINHARDT DR.**  
Charming 3BR/2BA traditional w/bay views, newly refinished hardwood floors, newer roof & freshly painted. Wonderful architectural details. A gardener's delight. Diane E. McCan x1352

**EMERYVILLE \$629,000**  
**60 LOOP 22** (Open 2-5)  
Forget the burbs! You can have it all just steps from shops & restaurants in one of Emeryville's finest townhome developments. 2BR/2BA, 2-car garage. Fritz Hochfeller x1348

**BERKELEY \$160,000**  
**2550 DANA ST. 3G** (Open 2-4)  
Are you looking to relocate a parent? This delightful studio has been beautifully remodeled. Enclosed lanai. Must be 55+ years to purchase in Berkeley co-op. Leslie Easterday x1363



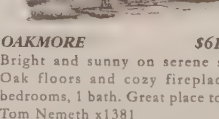
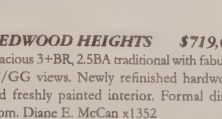
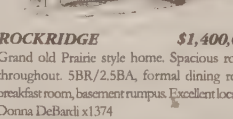
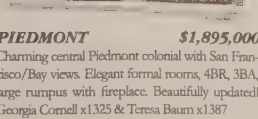
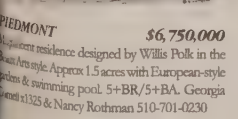
**PIEDMONT \$6,750,000**  
Magnificent residence designed by Willis Polk in the Spanish style. Approx 1.5 acres with European-style gardens & swimming pool. 5+BR/5+BA. Georgia Cornell x1325 & Nancy Rothman 510-701-0230

**PIEDMONT \$1,895,000**  
Charming central Piedmont colonial with San Francisco/Bay views. Elegant formal rooms, 4BR, 3BA, large rampus with fireplace. Beautifully updated! Georgia Cornell x1325 & Teresa Baum x1387

**ROCKRIDGE \$1,400,000**  
Grand old Prairie style home. Spacious rooms throughout. 5BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, breakfast room, basement rampus. Excellent location. Donna DeBardi x1374

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$719,000**  
Spacious 3+BR, 2.5BA traditional with fabulous SF/GG views. Newly refinished hardwoods and freshly painted interior. Formal dining room. Diane E. McCan x1352

**OAKMORE \$619,000**  
Bright and sunny on serene street. Oak floors and cozy fireplace. 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath. Great place to start. Tom Nemeth x1381



**OAKLAND HILLS \$1,850,000**  
This luxury estate of 1.2+ acres offers the ultimate in seclusion and serenity. Only minutes from downtown Oakland and Berkeley. 5BR, quality finishes, 14 vaulted ceilings, formal dining. Helen Danhald x1356

**PT. RICHMOND \$1,795,000**  
Sweeping 3-bridge views. Stunning contemporary remodel with walls of windows overlooking Keller's Beach. 3BR/3BA with separate 1BR/1BA guest suite. Decks, landscaped gardens. Donna DeBardi x1374

**NORTH BERKELEY \$995,000**  
PRICE SLASHED for this unique mid-century fixer on a very special site just north of UCI 4BR/3BA including 2-room au-pair, with spectacular views. Gini Erck x1339

**UPPER LAUREL \$639,000**  
Sweeping views from this 4BR, 2BA craftsman style home. Updated kitchen and baths. Deck off formal dining room with great yard space and hot tub. Great location. Diane E. McCan x1352

**LAKESHORE \$525,000**  
Beautiful and sophisticated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with stunning views of Lake Merritt and downtown Oakland. Located on the 4th floor. Hardwood floors. Updated kitchen. Jennie Flanigan x1354

**PIEDMONT \$4,250,000**  
A treasure and treasure: magnificent John Hudson Thomas with exquisite and refined period detailing. Beautifully updated finishes. Elegant formal rooms, 4BR/5+BA, family room. Georgia Cornell x1325

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# Weekend OPEN HOMES

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## Alameda

\$345,000	105 Cypress St.	2 BD/1 BA
Sat 2-4/Sun 2:30-4:30	West End	510-814-4836
Harbor Bay Realty	Nina Quan	
\$355,000	960 Shorepoint Ct. 215	1 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4863
Harbor Bay Realty	Tisa Benet	
\$415,000	1170 Ninth Street #36	1 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4		510-846-1561
Kane & Associates	Luisa Marin	
\$439,000	339 Broadway, #211	2BD/2BA
Open Sat/Sun, 1-4pm		510-610-1012
Prudential	Agent Dennis	
\$459,000	2106 Otis #M	2bd/1.5ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30	North Shore	510-325-2898
ZipRealty	David Kerr	
\$469,500	2137 Otis Dr. #121	2 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	St. Francis	510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	B. & G. Blisset	
\$475,000	1594 Pacific Ave	2 BD/1 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 Central Alameda	510-814-4891/814-4859	
Harbor Bay Realty	George Muhr/Karen Wellman	
\$495,000	2027 Otis Dr F	2 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4884
Harbor Bay Realty	Izabella Lipetski	
\$515,000	2101 Shoreline Dr #463	2 BD/1.5 BA
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4891
Harbor Bay Realty	George Muhr	
\$529,000	1035 Eagle Ave.	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4		510-589-1908
Kane & Associates	Hanna Fry	
\$539,000	1333 Broadway	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4818
Harbor Bay Realty	Steve Cressy	
\$539,000	3210 Fijl Lane	3 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4		510-332-6507
Kane & Associates	Karen Manuel	
\$548,000	2101 Shoreline Dr. #290	2 BD/1.5 BA
Sat/Sun 1-4		510-522-9888
Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	John Chang	
\$550,000	534 Haight Ave.	2BD/2BA
Sun 1-4		510-814-0410
Alameda Realty	John Parten	
\$565,000	3150 Fijl Ln.	2 BD/2 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4884
Harbor Bay Realty	Izabella Lipetski	
\$569,000	1508 Verdi St	2 BD/1 BA
Sat 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4859
Harbor Bay Realty	Karen Wellman	
\$575,000	1019 Tahiti Ln	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4880
Harbor Bay Realty	Maureen Shandobli	
\$579,000	1238 College Ave	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4846
Harbor Bay Realty	Janice Payne	
\$585,000	2170 Pacific Avenue	3bd/1ba
Sun 2-4 Central	510-748-1148 / 748-1175	
Gallagher & Lindsey	P. Dimacali/A. DeBardelen	
\$585,000	3422 Redhook Lane	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Helene Barkin	
\$589,000	832 Oak St.	2+BD/1BA
Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30		510-421-6818
C21 Heritage	Andrea Gordon	
\$593,000	933 Shoreline Dr #403	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4		510-522-4449
KeikoSellsHomes.com	Tom Bennett	
\$595,000	1029 Tahiti Lane	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Isle	510-914-7636
Broadway Real Estate	Greg and Tina Koube	
\$615,000	635 Centre Ct	2 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-381-3434
Harbor Bay Realty	Rich Krinks	
\$619,000	430A Cola Ballena	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Ballena Bay	510-507-3334
Help-U-Sell Action Properties	Theresa Herget	
\$629,000	1237 Broadway	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 Central		510-681-5249
Alameda Realty	Carol Knight	
\$629,000	1522 Court Street	2+BD/1 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-610-5009
Kane & Associates	Sally Han	
\$629,900	1089 Melrose	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-410-6058 / 865-8564
Kane & Associates	Marie Kane / Lillian Silva	
\$645,000	1182 Brown St.	2 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island	510-814-4871/814-4854	
Harbor Bay Realty	Denise Garvine/Donn Gutierrez	
\$649,000	1606 Santa Clara Ave	2 BD/1.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 Central Alameda	510-814-4813/814-4857	
Harbor Bay Realty	Richard & Carole Kim	
\$649,000	251 Beach Rd.	3 BD/1 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island	510-814-4830/814-4831	
Harbor Bay Realty	George & Bev Williams	
\$659,000	3247 Sterling Avenue	2+BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4:30		510-919-3204
Kane & Associates	DeDe Cunningham	
\$659,000	5 Christensen	2 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4848
Harbor Bay Realty	Ringo Liu	
\$659,000	618 Lagunaria Ln.	2 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4846
Harbor Bay Realty	Janice Payne	

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\$678,000	28 Invincible Ct	2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4:30	Marina Village	510-814-4861
Harbor Bay Realty	Susan Battaglia	
\$689,000	305 Court St.	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4838/814-4872
Harbor Bay Realty	Karen Miller/Ginger Schuler	
\$695,000	1512 Union St.	4 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4:30		510-769-1606
Bickley Real Estate	John Bickley	
\$699,000	200 Bannister Ct	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-769-7777 x11
Rob Platt & Associates R.E.	Rob Platt	
\$719,500	437 Sheffield Road	2 BD/2 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	Sand Piper Cove	510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Bill & Griselda Blisset	
\$725,000	1503 Santa Clara Ave.	4 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4		510-748-5300
Homes-Link Real Estate		
\$725,000	1 Hercules Court	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		415-810-1771
Pacific Union Real Estate	Ivan Leung	
\$725,000	914 Ironwood Road	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-749-0780/604-2300
Harbor Bay Realty	Lena Sazo/Connie Hanna	
\$735,000	16 Garden Road	2+BD/2 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4:30	Bay Farm	510-748-1122
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Carol Martinez	
\$749,000	1537 Mozart Street	3BD/2BA
Sat/Sun 2-4pm		510-938-0743
Realty World Estates	Jalan Marshall	
\$769,000	847 Santa Clara St.	3 UNITS
Sun 2:30-5:30		510-938-5732
Golden West RE & Mortgage	Josie Junsay	
\$775,000	35 Britt Court	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-939-0020
Ameristar Properties	Trung Bui	
\$789,000	1819 Cambridge Dr.	3 BD/1 BA
Sat & Sun 1-4	Fernside	510-219-5334
Prudential CA Realty	John Abbott	
\$795,000	2207 San Jose Ave.	3 BD/2 BA
Sun 1-4	Central	510-748-1170
Gallagher & Lindsey	John Selbach	
\$817,000	729 Baywood Rd	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4870/814-4858
Harbor Bay Realty	P. Koutoulakis/B. Abbasi	
\$859,000	4 Basinside Way	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-534-5166
Old Castle Mortgage, Inc.	Caesar Bonifacio	
\$859,000	605 Glenwood Isle	3 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	South Shore	510-814-4828
Harbor Bay Realty	Martha Turner	
\$869,000	1314 Weber St	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-814-4810
Harbor Bay Realty	Jane Friedrich	
\$875,000	151 Tynebourne Pl	4 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4832
Harbor Bay Realty	Dania Alvarez-Morroni	
\$879,000	126 Sable Pointe	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4		510-506-3383 / 522-4633
Kane & Associates	Kathy Ratto / Beverly Fukuchi	
\$890,000	1713-1715 9th Street 2 houses on lot	
Sun 2-4	West End	510-748-1116
Gallagher & Lindsey	Alice Garvin	
\$898,000	1605 Buena Vista Ave.	3+bd
Sun 2-4		510-748-1148/748-1173
Gallagher & Lindsey	P. Dimacali/K. Jacobsen	
\$899,000	2255 Clinton Ave	3 BD/3 BA
Sat/Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-814-4824
Harbor Bay Realty	Darin Vinali	
\$948,000	1119 Regent St	3 Units
Sat/Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4887
Harbor Bay Realty	Alex Mak	
\$980,000	1941 Sandcreek Way	4 BD/3 BA
Sat & Sun 1-4	510-331-5480/332-5683/415-238-0152	
Kane & Associates	V.Lim/R.Martin/L.Bryley	
\$985,000	1528 Mintum St	4 BD/4 BA
Sun 2:30-4:30	Central Alameda	510-814-4836
Harbor Bay Realty	Nina Quan	
\$998,000	360 Jack London Ave.	4BD/3BA
Open Sun 1-4		510-847-9757
Coldwell Banker	Katie Macks	
\$1,169,000	1626-1628 Alameda Ave.	duplex
Sun 2-4 Central		510-748-1157 / 748-1198
Gallagher & Lindsey	M. Poulter/D. Park	
\$1,325,000	1250 Saint Charles St.	4 BD/3.5 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4:30		510-531-2274
Kane & Associates	Wendy Sanda	
\$1,450,000	715 Grand St	3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4	Gold Coast	510-814-4710
Harbor Bay Realty	Walt Jacobs	

## Albany

\$385,000	417 Evelyn #104	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-501-2510
Security Pacific R.E.	Phyllis Bettencourt	
\$400,000	417 Evelyn #203	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-701-7181
Security Pacific R.E.	Carylon Dopp	
\$408,000	555 Pierce St. #1034	2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-5		415-377-6166
ZipRealty	Kimmie Kim	
\$529,000	525 Key Rt. Blvd	2+bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4		510-527-4111
Marvin Gardens	Herman Sun	

## Antioch

\$525,000	5225 Fairside Way	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-531-7000x272
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Elisa Uribe	
\$160,000	2850 Dana St. #3Q	Studio
Open Sun 2-4		510-330-1363
Pacific Union Residential	Leslie Easterday	
\$235,000	2550 Dana St. 2E	1bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4	South/Cent. Berkeley	510-915-2024
Thornwall Properties	Nancy Foss	
\$399,000	1119 Hearst	1bd/1ba
Open Sun.2-5	No. Berkeley	510-845-0211
Prudential Claremont	Debra Alber	
\$429,000	2330 Browning	2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-5		510-326-5800
Re/Max Executive	Bill Grimsom	
\$475,000	2141 Oregon St #3	2bd/1.5ba
Open Sat/Sun. 2-5	Berkeley Bowl	510-868-1480
Prudential	K.Crandall/C. Helgeson	
\$495,000	2 Panoramic Wy #304	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-524-9888x53
Berkeley Hills Realty	Mary Lou Allen	
\$519,000	2022-9th St	2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30	West Berkeley	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Doug Fuller	
\$579,000	1641 Kalns Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4		510-527-7700x39
Marvin Gardens	Merilee Carter	
\$585,000	1604 Allston Way	2bd/1ba
Sat/Sun. 2-4:30	Central Berkeley	510-506-2762
Windermere Real Estate	Janet Kaplan	
\$629,000	1314 Dwight Way	2+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-290-5559
Lawton Associates	Jeff Senblom	
\$649,000	2366 Cedar St #4	3bd/-ba
Open Sun. 2-5		510-915-0720
Marvin Gardens	Richard Morrison	
\$695,000	2907 Harper St	2 BD/1.5 BA
Sun 2-4		510-814-4834
Harbor Bay Realty	Linda Grant	
\$699,000	1321 Ordway St.	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1341
Pacific Union Residential	Leslie Avant	
\$715,000	1100 Miller	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Gaby Olander	
\$749,000	471 Cragmont	3BD/2 BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Kathie Longinotti	
\$799,000	2225-2227 Acton St	3 UNITS
Open Sun 2-4:30	Central Berkeley	510-911-9888
Prudential	Wendy T. Louie	
\$825,000	3125 King St	6bd/4ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30	Triplex	510-848-1950x248
Thornwall Properties	Sandy Parker	
\$860,000	600 Arlington Avenue	2+BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley	510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.	Judith Ratcliffe	
\$899,000	2808 Grant St. Tri-plex + 2 Units	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-703-4357
C21 Heritage	Jake N. Weingrow	
\$899,000	1122 Keeler Ave	5bd/3ba
Open Sun. 2-4		510-835-6218
Red Oak Realty	The Longs	
\$995,000	2109 Byron	4+BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Bobbie Giaratana	
\$1,095,000	180 Tamalpais	4bd/2ba
Open Sun.2-4:30		510-339-8400
Better Homes Montclair	Mary Hanna	
\$1,095,000	2820 Regent St.	4+BD/3BA
Open Sun 1-4	Elmwood	510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Rita Zwerdling	
\$1,118,000	2906/2908 Florence St	DUPLEX
Open Sun. 1-4	Elmwood	510-849-9900
Maison Nouveau	Annalise Demuth	
\$1,285,000	23 Gravit Dr.	2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills	510-849-9900
Maison Nouveau	Scott Ward	
\$1,195,000	60 Eucalyptus Rd	3BD/2ba
Open Sat/Sun. 2-5	Claremont	510-915-7207
Prudential	Julie Lehman	
\$1,199,000	73-77 Panoramic Way	3 Units
Open Sun. 2-4		510-280-2161
Red Oak Realty	Marjorie Sperber	
\$1,550,000	1112 Besito	3+bd/3+ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	510-466-5444
Agt., Candace Hyde-Wang		
\$1,795,000	2753 Buena Vista Way	4bd/3.5ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	No. Berkeley Hills	510-524-9888x26
Berkeley Hills Realty	Norah Brower	
\$1,950,000	2630 Cedar Street	5BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors	Sarah Schisler	
\$2,120,000	1998 San Antonio	5BD/4.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Kim & Barbara Marienthal	
\$2,450,000	80 Gravit Drive	4BD/3.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Debra Dryden	
\$2,500,000	715 Arlington Ave	5BD/5.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Bebe McRae	
\$3,300,000	85 Gravit Drive	4BD/4.5BA
Open Sun 1-4		510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors	Tertla Britz	

## Castro Valley

\$820,000	5508 Jasmine Ct	4 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4		510-814-4713
Harbor Bay Realty		Russ Grant
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<b>Concord</b>		
\$549,950	3145 Ida Dr	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-4		510-237-0372
Coldwell Banker Bartels		Francia Tallero
\$1,395,000	5262 Hiddencrest Ct	5bd/4.5ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes		Pamela Finney
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<b>Crockett</b>		
\$649,000	13 Baldwin Ave.	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1359
Pacific Union Residential		Michelle Vasey
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<b>El Cerrito</b>		
\$495,000	1440 Elm St	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-524-0800
Marvin Gardens R.E.		Gloria Polanco



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\$775,000 Open Sun, 2-4 Prudential	10306 Byron Ave 7 Units 510-834-2010 Tara Banks	\$1,350,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1018 Mountain Boulevard Montclair 510-652-2133 Bebe McRae	4+BD/2.5BA 510-652-2133 Bebe McRae	Open Sun 1-4 Red Oak Realty	1000-280-2121 Katie Lederer	
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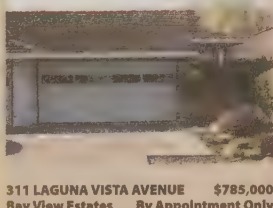
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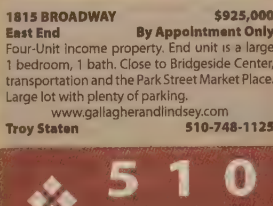
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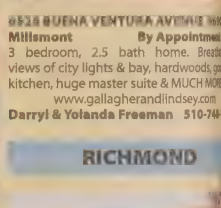
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# SPORTS

• Friday, April 21, 2006 •

Section C

## Around the horn

### Schedule decided

The Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League released the schedule of three sets of makeup games for baseball and softball. The games for both sports will be played on April 24, May 1 and May 8. All games will start at 4 p.m. unless noted. In baseball, the April 24 schedule includes El Cerrito at De Anza, Pinole Valley at Berkeley and Encinal at Hercules. On May 1, Pinole Valley will play at Encinal, Richmond at El Cerrito (3:30 p.m.), Berkeley at Hercules and Alameda at De Anza. On May 8, the schedule will be De Anza at Richmond, Hercules at Pinole Valley, El Cerrito at Alameda and Encinal at Berkeley. For softball, the April 24th schedule includes De Anza at El Cerrito, Berkeley at Pinole Valley and Hercules at Encinal. On May 1, Encinal will be at Pinole Valley, El Cerrito at Richmond and Hercules at Berkeley. On May 8, De Anza hosts Richmond, Pinole Valley will be at Hercules (3:30 p.m.), Alameda at El Cerrito (3:30 p.m.) and Berkeley at Encinal.

—Phil Jensen

### Tennis, anyone?

The Bay Shore Athletic League singles and doubles championships are Tuesday and Wednesday at the Harbor Bay Club in Alameda. The Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League singles and doubles championships are Wednesday and Thursday at Alameda High School. In the BSAL, Tuesday's competition starts at noon. Wednesday's start time has not been determined yet. Since the league has only five teams this year, there will be additional singles players and doubles teams added. Ordinarily, each team can enter two singles and two doubles. However, this year's tournament will have three doubles teams per school and four of the five schools can enter three singles players. A drawing will determine which schools can enter three singles players. In the ACCAL, play begins at 11 a.m. both days.

—Dave Carpenter

### Alameda High alumni baseball

Alameda High School baseball invites former Hornets players to participate in an alumni-variety game at Lincoln Park on Saturday at noon. Contact Hornets coach Ken Americh at 510-523-2193 or 625-331-5378, or assistant Steve Yamasaki at 10-865-0896 or SYamasaki11@sprintPCS.com. Be sure to leave a contact phone number.

—Mike McGreehan

### Football officials sought

The East Bay Football Officials Association is seeking officials for the fall 2006 high school season. EBFOA members officiate games from Hayward to Pinole. No experience is required, but officials must be available on Thursday and Friday afternoons. For information, call EBFOA assigning secretary Sam Moriana at 510-521-4121.

—Mike McGreehan

### On deck

**BSAL championships at Tilden Park Golf Course**, boys golf, April 24, time TBD — Albany, Richmond, St. Joseph Notre Dame, St. Mary's, St. Patrick-St. Vincent and Salesian are playing for team titles. Individual titles are also on the line. The teams will play 18 holes.

**BSAL singles and doubles championships at Harbor Bay Club, Alameda**, boys tennis, April 25-26, noon — The five teams in the league — Piedmont, St. Joseph Notre Dame, St. Mary's, St. Patrick-St. Vincent and Salesian — can enter three doubles teams and four of the five can enter three singles players. A drawing will determine which schools can enter a third singles player.

**ACCAL singles and doubles championships at Alameda High School**, boys tennis, April 26-27, 11 a.m. — Singles players and doubles teams from Alameda, Berkeley, De Anza, El Cerrito, Encinal and Pinole Valley will compete for individual league titles.

**Berkeley at Bishop O'Dowd**, boys lacrosse, April 26, 6 p.m. — The Yellow Jackets (7-6) are coming off a 12-6 loss to San Ramon Valley but are ranked 10th in Northern California by Laxpower.com. The Cougars (8-4) recently edged Amador Valley 10-9 and are ranked 11th in Northern California. Berkeley and Bishop O'Dowd are 2-2 in the Diablo Valley Lacrosse League. The winner would take over third place in the DVLL.

**El Cerrito vs. Berkeley at Evans Diamond, Cal.**, baseball, April 25, 4 p.m. — Both teams could use a win to get closer to Alameda, which started out of the gate with a 4-0 ACCAL record. At press time, El Cerrito was in second place with a 2-0 league record and Berkeley was in sixth place (1-2).

### Stars of the week

**Fred Atkins, Albany baseball** — Atkins hit a game-winning RBI single with two outs in the eighth inning to give the Cougars a 2-1 victory over Liberty in the first round of the Alhambra Easter Classic.

**Mark Severy, El Cerrito baseball** — Hollands pitched a three-hitter with five strikeouts and one walk in a 2-1 loss to Alameda.

**Tyler Bremer, Berkeley baseball** — Bremer pitched a three-hitter with five strikeouts and one walk in a 2-1 loss to Alameda.

**Alana Dunham, Encinal girls track** — Dunham, a senior, won two individual events and ran a leg on the winning 400-meter relay team last week to help the Jets team finish second behind Alameda at a relay meet on April 13 at Pinole Valley. Dunham won the 100 high hurdles in 17.76 seconds and the 200 in 27.57. She also ran the second leg on the 400 relay (53.1).



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

Piedmont's Gabby Yao-Cohen slides into third base, beating the throw to Albany's Lindsey Fuller in the sixth inning of Wednesday's BSAL game.

## Piedmont outlasts Albany

■ **Duffy strikes out 30 as Highlanders finally win 1-0 in 16 innings and nearly four hours**

By Dave Carpenter  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Mina Duffy is a dominant pitcher for the Piedmont High School softball team, and the defense behind Albany ace Nicole Presher is pretty stellar.

So when the Highlanders and Cougars met Wednesday afternoon at Albany Memorial Park, a close, low-scoring game was expected. But this was ridiculous.

The anticipated scenario played out to form, but it took 16 innings and nearly four hours for Piedmont to outlast Albany 1-0 in an exhausting Bay Shore Athletic League contest.

The Highlanders (5-3, 4-0 BSAL) finally scored with one out in the top of the 16th inning when Eva Bassett crossed home plate after a bases-loaded walk to Caroline Goddard.

Duffy struck out a whopping 30 hitters, including the side in the bottom of the 16th to end the game.

Piedmont had plenty of opportunities throughout, but Albany's defense stuffed several of its rallies. The Highlanders outthit the Cougars (6-3, 5-2) 12-2.

"We showed a lot of heart," Pied-

mont first-year coach Jen Deering said. "I can't complain about the way we hit. (Albany) played awesome defense."

Piedmont loaded the bases in the eighth inning and left all three runners stranded. It also had all the bases jammed when the third out in the 16th inning was recorded. The Highlanders left 17 runners on base.

"In all, they played amazing defense," Albany coach Stephanie Vassarhely said of her team. "The defense was impeccable. They came though and were fundamentally sound."

Presher struck out only three batters, proving how good the Cougars' fielding had to be. But, she ran into

control problems by walking three consecutive batters after getting the first out in the 16th inning.

Presher was then relieved by Sarah Dobjensky, who walked in the go-ahead run and then got the next two batters out to end the threat.

Duffy threw 11 pitches in the bottom of the 16th in whiffing the Cougars in order to end it.

She had 18 strikeouts after seven innings.

"This was the best game she has thrown," Deering said. "She had an amazing game."

Duffy was pretty good at the plate, too. She doubled twice in six at-bats.

Hannah Kramer and Joan Cannon each singled for Albany.

## Berkeley's 'doubles power' too much for El Cerrito

By Robert Jordan  
STAFF WRITER

The visiting Berkeley High School boys tennis team won only one of the four singles matches, but swept the doubles matches to beat the Gauchos 4-3 at Harding Park on Tuesday.

The win kept Berkeley unbeaten in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at 6-0. Results of Wednesday's match against Alameda were unavailable at press time.

Berkeley's Michael Saucy was victorious in the No. 4 singles match with a 7-6, 6-2 win over Lalithra Fernandez.

Jeffrey Lu, Roger Lew, Daniel Schein, Sam Mansfield, Lee Kittams and Michael Yip all won their doubles matches in straight sets.

Scott Phrasavath, Steve Phrasavath and Wesley Perri won singles matches for El Cerrito.

### BASEBALL

**El Cerrito 9, Freedom 2:** The Gauchos (5-2) took a 3-1 lead in the first inning and didn't look back in this consolation semifinal game of the Alhambra Easter Classic on Monday. Doug Murray was 2-for-2 with three runs scored and two RBI, and teammate Mario Hollands was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Darnell Quinney pitched six innings of two-hit ball with five strikeouts in the win.

**Antioch 14, El Cerrito 1:** Neither the Gauchos nor the Panthers appeared to be in midseason form in Saturday's Alhambra Easter Classic first-round matchup in Martinez.

El Cerrito committed three errors in the first inning alone, and Antioch pitcher Isiah Bryant walked six batters — all in the first four innings.

The Panthers took advantage of some of the Gauchos' mistakes and made the most of the opportunities they created for themselves.

The Gauchos played their third game in three days. Before that, they hadn't played since March 8, when they beat Vallejo 7-0.

Against Antioch, El Cerrito got its lone run in the first inning when Murray drove in Devon Bernstein with a one-out single to right field. Murray had two of the Gauchos' four hits.

**El Cerrito 13, Encinal 3:** Hollands pitched a complete game and helped his own cause by going 3-for-4 with

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two RBI in an ACCAL game at Encinal on Friday.

Hollands carried a no-hitter into the sixth inning before Encinal's Brian Johnson got a hit.

Bernstein singled, doubled and tripled in five at-bats for the Gauchos (5-1, 2-0 ACCAL). Marquis Evans drove in three of El Cerrito's runs. Quinney was 2-for-4 with two RBI and Murray went 3-for-4 with one RBI.

El Cerrito had 16 hits to Encinal's four. Encinal also hurt its own cause by committing eight errors.

**El Cerrito 7, Hercules 3:** Murray pitched five innings with five strikeouts and no walks to lead the visiting Gauchos to a win over the Titans in what was the Gauchos' Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener on April 13.

El Cerrito had four league games played out before finally getting to play.

"The infield was fine, but there were a lot of wet spots in the outfield," El Cerrito coach Brian Nichols said. "It was muddy in places. But this would have been our fifth rain-out, so we just had to play."

Murray helped his own cause, going 3-for-4 and scoring two runs.

El Cerrito scored a run in the second inning and two more in the third for a 3-0 lead. Hercules responded with three runs in the fourth to tie only to have the Gauchos answer with four runs in the fifth.

Ryan Cowart doubled in Murray with the go-ahead run. Evans followed with a single, and Quinney was hit by a pitch to load the bases. After a force at home, Roderick Brown walked on 12 pitches to force in another run. Bernstein's two-run single closed the scoring.

**Alhambra 4, Albany 2:** Zach Babitt was 2-for-4 with a run scored for the Cougars (8-4), but Alhambra scored two runs in the fifth to take a 3-2 lead on their way to victory in a semifinal game of the Alhambra Easter Classic on Tuesday.

**Albany 2, Liberty 1 (8):** Fred Atkins' two-out single in the bottom



KEVIN BUCHANAN/STAFF

EL CERRITO'S Mark Severy pitches against Antioch in the Alhambra Easter Tournament on April 15. Antioch won 14-1.

of the eighth inning gave the Cougars an Alhambra Easter Classic first-round win over the Lions (7-7) on Saturday. Atkins' single scored Tom Supple, who walked and moved on two fielder's choice plays.

**Alameda 2, Berkeley 1:** Yellow Jackets sophomore Tyler Bremer tossed a three-hitter, but it was not enough Friday to stop a determined Alameda baseball squad.

The host Hornets manufactured two runs on just two hits in the third inning to defeat the two-time defending Alameda Contra Costa Ath-

letic League champion Yellow Jackets at Lincoln Park.

Berkeley (1-5, 1-2 ACCAL) seemed content to ride Bremer's right arm early on as the hurler ran through the first two innings without allowing a baserunner.

The third inning proved to be the Yellow Jackets' undoing, though, as Hornets designated hitter Jeff Perri reached base on a dropped third strike to begin the inning.

After a strikeout, a walk, and a

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## ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

RESULTS OF APRIL 15

## Middle Division

**Vivian Lopez Queen Bees 2-Prine Chiropractic Dynamite 2:** In a game that almost wasn't played due to wet and blustery conditions at Fielding Field, the Queen Bees and the Dynamite engaged in a closely fought matchup. In the first inning, Bees pitcher Claire Ramer caught three hard shots by Arianna Isolani, Mia Jauregui, and Salajia Varma. Dynamite pitcher Jauregui pitched brilliantly in her two innings, and she got defensive help from Nora Killian, who made a nice play on a strong bouncer by Jordan Baker. For Vivian Lopez, Cassidy Villeneuve hit a bloop single and stole third base. Baker and Roisin Shannon made a terrific pitcher-catcher combination, with Baker pitching and Shannon catching in the second inning, and vice versa in the third. Both of them provided stellar defense for the other, with Shannon getting a three-pitch strikeout to end her inning. Baker and Kayla Sullivan formed a wonderful hitting tandem with two very hard-hit liners into the outfield, scoring a run. The Dynamite answered back with a wonderful defensive play when Jauregui turned an unassisted double play at first base in the third. Kendal Kirkman had a nice hit for the Bees. The Dynamite showed their muscles with hits of their own, including a double from Margot Friedman, a very nice sacrifice from Monica Wiemeis, and

a smash single into the outfield by Hannah Herman. But Bees pitcher Maggie Gallagher kept her cool and retired her final batter, with assistance from catcher Talia Rossi, to salvage the tie, as the intermittent rain drops thickened into a steady drizzle.

## Older Division

**Tulip Hardwood Floors 9, Sweet Potatoes 3:** Tulip went to work in the first inning, with Alex Hickey pounding out a double to left, followed by Ayla Nietschmann drawing a walk and stealing second. Jenna Guffy's soft fly ball drove the runners home. Camille Jackson then crushed a double to center, scoring Guffy. Stesha Marcon singled Jackson home to complete a four-run inning. Tulip's Camille Dyhr pitched a scoreless first and, along with Eliza Stuber, made key catches for outs. Sweet Potato Pitcher Zoe Pollock kept Tulip scoreless in the second. Sweet Potato Katie Tick led off the second inning with a solid hit. Fiona Riley (on loan from Adobe) stole her way home. Tulip managed one run in the third, but Sweet Potatoes pitcher Kate Atkinson made a solid tag at the plate to end the inning. Tulip got busy in the fourth, combining walks, steals, and a single to produce three more runs. Lila Rosenfeld from Adobe graciously filled in for Tulip and delivered three innings of two-strikeout pitching, limiting Sweet Potatoes to two runs

in the fifth on an Atkinson single to the left side that drove in Pollock and Erica Cardona. Sweet Potatoes pitchers Pollock, Atkinson and Megan Tokunaga combined for six strikeouts for the game.

**Adobe Thunder 8, Strategic Economics XX 3:** There was no rain but plenty of thunder at Fielding Field, in the first game of the soggy ABGSL season. XX's defensive magnet Emma Tadlock-Goldsmith snagged multiple Thunder hits, delivering them to bases for multiple outs. XX pitcher Maria Price-Hanson made a heads-up salvage of a dropped ball, firing to Sonja Javits on third to nab the stealing runner. Javits' catch of a hard hit ball to third base and quick throw to Helen Masson at first for an out was another exceptional defensive play. On offense for XX, Price-Hanson stole second and scored. Masson, who later debuted as catcher, was relentless on offense with an RBI, two steals and a run. XX pitcher Corey Chin pitched two innings. She made a nice play on a well hit ball back at her, tossing it to Kalila Wilkey at first for an out. On offense, Chin scored on Lilah Hubbard's RBI. For Thunder, Sydney Morrone followed up her RBI double with an RBI single. Jillian Jenkins cracked a single in the first, advanced on a sacrifice, slid into third and made it home to score. Thunder's Barbara McCray also singled. Pitcher Fiona Riley doubled and singled.

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fielder's choice, senior Jeff Croft faked a bunt and slashed a two-out single to right field, scoring Perri. Kenny Arnerich followed with a sharp single to left, scoring Weston Moyer to give the Hornets a 2-0 lead.

"The more we play, the better we'll get. We just haven't been consistent yet," Yellow Jackets coach Curtis Sandeford said.

The Yellow Jackets made some headway in the fifth inning when junior Grant Long led off by reaching base on an error. A one-out single by D.J. Brooks scored Long and brought leadoff hitter Brian Guinn to the plate with a runner on first.

That's when Alameda (9-4, 4-0) went to its bullpen, as Arnerich moved from the mound to catcher and Jordan Pries came in from second base to pitch. The move paid off right away as a steal attempt by Brooks was snuffed out by a perfect strike from Arnerich. Pries followed by striking out Guinn to end the threat.

## SOFTBALL

**El Cerrito 6, Encinal 2:** Sarah Ball pitched a four-hitter in the

Gauchos' win in their ACCAL opener on Friday, and teammates Valerie Miller and Tessa Taruskin both went 2-for-4. El Cerrito improved to 1-1 overall.

## BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

**Alameda 186, Encinal 80, Pinole Valley 46, El Cerrito 18:** Jerome Guss won the 400-meter dash and finished second in the 200 to highlight the Gauchos' efforts in this ACCAL meet on April 13. Guss ran the 400 in 52.99 seconds and produced a time of 23.50 in the 200.

## GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

**Alameda 206, Encinal 58, El Cerrito 14, Pinole Valley 10:** Breanna White's victory in the shot put highlighted the Gauchos' performances at this ACCAL meet on April 13. Her best attempt

sailed 29 feet, 1½ inches.

## BOYS GOLF

**Alameda 187, El Cerrito 199:** The Gauchos were barely edged by the Hornets at Mira Vista Golf Course on April 13. Scott Leong was El Cerrito's low scorer with a four-over 39. El Cerrito fell to 3-4 in ACCAL play.

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

**El Cerrito d. Encinal:** Ramon Herrera had a double-double (27 assists and 16 service points) as the Gauchos defeated the Jets 25-19, 25-18, 25-22 on April 12. Vincent Yang also had 12 kills for the Gauchos (18-5, 6-0 ACCAL).

Staff writers Dave Carpenter, Mike McGreehan and Phil Jensen, and correspondent Ben Enos contributed to this roundup.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Monte Vista	7-1	11-10 win over Serra, No. 2 team in state, vaults Mustangs to top spot
2.	California	7-2	Grizzlies on roll, place third in competitive Norco Tournament
3.	Amador Valley	8-2	Victorious in battle of Dons: 4-3 winner over Acalanes
4.	Deer Valley	8-2	11-1 drubbing by De La Salle ends Wolverines' run as No. 1
T5.	Acalanes	10-2	Big win over Clayton Valley mitigated by tough loss to Amador Valley
T5.	Alameda	9-3	Hornets sting Berkeley, Newark
7.	Dublin	9-2	Gael force: Dubliners have won five straight DFAL games entering this week
8.	Antioch	9-3	Panthers notch close win over De La Salle, annihilate El Cerrito
9.	Clayton Valley	9-3	Eagles bounce back from loss to Acalanes, drub Irvington
10.	De La Salle	7-4	Nathan Carter's grand slam powers Spartans past Deer Valley, back into

**Also receiving votes:** Pinole Valley (7-1). The baseball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools. Results as of Saturday.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Freedom	7-0	Entering this week, the Falcons still had not allowed a run this season
2.	Newark Memorial	14-0	Cougars P Letty Olivarez has 163 strikeouts entering this week
3.	Foothill	6-1	Falcons open Livermore Stampede against Valley Christian-San Jose
4.	Monte Vista	4-2	Will lack of games affect Mustangs in Stampede?
5.	California	5-1	Entering this week, Grizzlies have scored just two runs in two EBAL games
6.	Pinole Valley	5-1	Still team to beat in ACCAL
7.	San Ramon Valley	4-1	Wolves outscored last three opponents entering this week 13-4
8.	James Logan	8-2	Colts go 3-1 at Reed Easter Tournament in Sparks, Nev.
9.	Concord	5-2	Minutemen rally to beat Alhambra 2-1, have four errors in 4-2 loss to Contra
10.	Benicia	5-2	Panthers riding four game winning streak entering this week

**Also receiving votes:** Berean Christian (9-1), Campolindo (4-2). The prep softball poll incorporates all high schools. Records are through Saturday.

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**"AM & STEVE":** It's the standard formula of boy-girl, boy-boys, boy-girls, boy-meets-boy, Adam goes to live in the '80s, but the first date is ruined. They fall for each other again in the present. The boys don't remember they met earlier, and since we do, we know about what will happen when they're out — C. Hewitt. (Not rated.) Contains R-level nudity, drug and strong language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **D+**

**"ATL":** A movie of understated wit, "ATL" will be compared to "Boyz n the City," but only by the intellectually lazy. The hero, Rashad (rapper), is a fellow skating rink named New-New. But New-New neighborhood is a bit nicer than Rashad knows. Meanwhile, his buddy Esquire hustles him out of the country club where he's learning him taunts of "Tiger" and "Black Nicklaus." — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: some violence, mild drug and drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **B**

**"MAMARINE":** Set in a beach resort where two friends, Claire and Ben, are about to be separated by moving to Australia. Then the friends a mermaid in the pool, and means they have to deal with mermaid, the moving-away thing being, blood lifeguard named

Ray. Nothing original here, but there's a sense that the script understands how 'tween girls think. — C. Hewitt. (PG: mild language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **C+**

**"ASK THE DUST":** Salma Hayek is sultry and Colin Farrell is studly, but they have zero chemistry in this cheesy, clueless Depression-era romance directed by the venerable Robert Towne, who wrote the screenplay for "Chinatown." — R. Myers. (R: some sexuality, nudity, language.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. **D+**

**"AWESOME: ... I SHOT THAT!":** The Beastie Boys handed out video cameras to 50 fans and told them to go wild gathering footage of their sold-out October 2004 Madison Square Garden show. The intention was to capture an authentic audience experience. The result: a jerky, headache-inducing experience that is almost unwatchable. — C. Lemire. (R: language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **C**

**"BASIC INSTINCT 2":** Psychopathic novelist Catherine Trammel (Sharon Stone) lures a control-freak psychiatrist (an amnic David Morrissey) into her kinky parlor. But it takes more than 90 minutes for this bozo to muster up the chutzpah to go there. That's part of the problem in this unsexy sequel to the 1992 steamathon. Stone outrageously brings this baby home, and even sports a nifty hair style that should become all the rage at beauty shops. — R. Myers. (R: strong sexuality, nudity, violence, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **C-**

**"THE BENCHWARMERS":** David Spade and Jon Heder are two virginal nerds whose lifetime of getting picked on is avenged when they join their pal, Gus (Rob Schneider), for a three-on-nine baseball scrimmage against some Little League bullies. If flatulence, crotch-kicks, tequila-benders and nerd revenge are your thing, by all means, head to a multiplex. — R. Moore. (PG-13: crude and suggestive humor, and language.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. **D**

**"BRICK":** A film noir set mostly in a Southern California high school sounds a lot like a "Saturday Night Live" skit. But first-time director Rian Johnson makes it sing, playing reverence to movies of the past while bringing in a contemporary spin. Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Mysterious Skin") is excellent as a tough-talking teen out to nab his ex-girlfriend's killer. The journey takes him into a suburban world of drug-dealing, full

of freaks and geeks. Done in a style that boldly reinvents a film genre. — R. Myers. (R: violence, drug content.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **A-**

**"BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN":** Two cowboys (Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger) fall unexpectedly in love in director Ang Lee's masterful ode to the West and romance. The pair meet and find themselves impossibly attracted to each other while herding sheep on Brokeback Mountain, then form a clandestine relationship that lasts 20 years. Everything about this beautiful and evocative film works, from the cast to the direction to the score. — R. Myers. (R: sexuality, nudity, language and some violence.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. **A**

**"CAPOTE":** Philip Seymour Hoffman shouldn't be the only name considered for an Oscar nomination in this rich and profound film about the making of a masterpiece and the undoing of a writer. Hoffman never misses a beat playing flamboyant author Truman Capote. The assured movie, from director Bennett Miller, follows the egomaniacal author through the process of writing his masterpiece, "In Cold Blood." Catherine Keener is exceptional as Capote's friend, and assistant, Harper Lee. — R. Myers. (R: some violent images and brief strong language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **A**

**"THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE":** The childlike wonderment we experienced when we first encountered the magical world of author C.S. Lewis is replicated in this enchanting adaptation. Four children living in England's countryside during WWII enter a wardrobe that takes them to a winter wonderland where an evil White Witch (Tilda Swinton) with killer fashion sense is in a tug-of-war with a majestic and virtuous lion (voiced by Liam Neeson). The film with Christian themes lags as it enters its more talky third final act, but "Narnia" casts quite a spell. — R. Myers. (PG: battle sequences, frightening moments.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **B+**

**"CSA: THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA":** Filmmaker Kevin Willmott adroitly combines the techniques of the mock documentary with the philosophy of alternate or "what if" history. It provocatively presents the world as it would be if the South had won the Civil War and slavery persisted to this day. A world that, in a savage twist, is closer to the one we live in than we might imagine.

— K. Turan. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B-**

**"CURIOUS GEORGE":** In the animated adaptation of H.A. Rey's gentle children's classics, museum curator Ted meets George while leading an African expedition for a fabled idol. The statue is just the thing needed to boost the museum's failing attendance, but naturally the mission doesn't go as planned. Ted's main trophy from Africa is the friendly little monkey, whose high jinks back in the big city help save the museum. — C. Covert. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **B**

**"DATE MOVIE":** The "brainchild" of two members of the "Scary Movie" writing team skewers the romantic comedy genre. Just as spoofy and trashy as those other movies, but maybe a tad more sophisticated. Could be better material, or the acting gifts of Alyson Hannigan ("American Pie"). — B. Strauss. (PG-13: sex, language.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. **B**

**"DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY":** A good-timey vibe lasts from beginning to end of "Party," which is mostly musical performances but also has segments where Chappelle does his thing. The comedian is effortlessly hilarious, whether he's chatting with lucky Dayton, Ohio, residents who snagged all-expenses-paid trips to the concert, or rehearsing deliberately awful jokes. — C. Hewitt. (R: drug references, strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B+**

**"DEEP SEA 3D":** This excellent IMAX movie has a message about the importance of relationships under the sea. It travels seamlessly from "cleaning stations" where green sea turtles get algae scraped off their backs to an octopus devouring a helpless crustacean — and beyond. — N. Churnlin. (Not rated.) 45 minutes. **A-**

**"THE DEVIL AND DANIEL JOHNSTON":** If you're a fan of cult musician Daniel Johnston, you'll want to see this documentary on the man and his life. If you're not a fan, you're going to wonder what the fuss is about. A performer of formidable self-absorption, Johnston has inspired a film with the same trait, and the results are about what you might expect. — K. Turan. (PG-13: thematic elements, drug content and language including a sexual reference.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **C**

**"DON'T COME KNOCKING":** The film plays like a greatest-hit collection stuck on replay. Despite "Knocking's" artistic pretensions and preening —

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**"AMERICAN DREAMZ" (PG-13)** To spruce up his shaky image, a U.S. president (Dennis Quaid) becomes a judge on an "American Idol"-like TV show in this satirical comedy co-starring Hugh Grant and Mandy Moore.

**"KEKEXILI: MOUNTAIN PATROL" (NR)** A Beijing journalist joins a mystical border patrol that chases after poachers in the Tibetan wilderness.

**"MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL" (PG-13)** A dying man's wish leads a depressed man (Robert Carlyle) to a dance school that transforms his life. Marisa Tomei co-stars.

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a drama about a Hollywood cowboy caught in a web of family ties, new and old — it is just rehash, filled with one shouting match after another. The film has some fleeting moments of greatness, but it's not enough to get us through the whining. Film veterans Sam Shepard and director Wim Wenders should be raising the bar, not resting their elbows on it. — R. Myers. (R: language, brief nudity.) 2 hours, 2 minutes. **C**

**"DON'T TELL (LA BESTIAL NEL CUORE)":** Directed by Cristina Comencini and based on a novel she wrote, this foreign language film Oscar winner not only charts a tale of a young woman who gradually awakens to the fact that her dear, departed dad molested her many years ago, but it also takes us on crowd-pleasing side trips that lighten the weight of the heavy main melodrama. — B. Strauss. (R: sexual content, nudity, language, a brief violent image; in Italian with subtitles.) 2 hours. **B**

**"DUCK SEASON":** Mexican filmmaker Fernando Eimbcke captures the restlessness and confusion of adolescence in ways both funny and profound. Best friends Flama and Moko have the day mapped out — junk food and video games. But you know what they say about the best-laid plans. This is one of those beautifully observed movies in which not much seems to happen, but in reality, everything does. — G. Whipp. (R: language, some drug content; in Spanish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **B+**

**"EIGHT BELOW":** A sort of "Old Yeller" in the Antarctic about eight injured sled dogs left behind when a blizzard cuts off travel, and the mushy musher who resolves he's not going to take that lying down. Paul Walker is Jerry, the guide who takes a meteor-hunter into the mountains, where accidents happen and the dogs do their Saint Bernard act. — R. Moore. (PG: some peril, brief mild language.) 2 hours. **B**

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**"FAILURE TO LAUNCH":** Misguided enough to think we want to see Terry Bradshaw's saggy fanboy. We'd much rather see the well-toned rears of attractive leads Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew McConaughey. A ziggagging comedy about a diehard bachelor still living at home (McConaughey) and the woman hired to woo him away. The supporting characters, including Kathy Bates and Zoey Deschanel, steal the show. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sexual content, partial nudity, language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **C**

**"FINAL DESTINATION 3":** When a class outing ends in a roller-coaster tragedy, the lucky few who ditched the ride at the last moment discover they're not so lucky after all — they're scheduled for extermination anyway. Two scramble to find clues to their friends' impending doom in photos taken at the amusement park. — C. Covert. (R: strong horror violence/gore, language, some nudity.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **C**

**"FIND ME GUILTY":** It looks like a courtroom drama, but this movie is really an oddball comedy. Based on the true story of Jackie D'Onofrio (Vin Diesel), a New Jersey gangster who figures he could do as well as his expensive but unsuccessful lawyers. In defending himself against conspiracy charges, he overlooks points of law (which he knows nothing about) and uses humor to distract the jury. — C. Hewitt. (R: strong language, some violence.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. **C+**

**"FIREWALL":** Harrison Ford returns to

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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**Thank You for Smoking** (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.  
**Teotsti** (R) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9.

**Regal Jack London** \*  
 100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320  
**American Dreamz** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40.  
**Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.  
**Lucky Number Slewin** (R) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30.  
**Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) 12, 1, 2:20, 3:20, 4:40, 5:40, 7, 8, 9:20, 10:20.  
**The Sentinel** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20.  
**Silent Hill** (R) 12:45, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30.  
**Take the Lead** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15, 11:35.  
**The Wild** (G) 11:45, 2, 4:10, 7, 9:15.

**Shattuck Cinemas** \*  
 2220 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980  
**The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) 1:25, 3:50, 7:05, 9:15.  
**Brick** (R) 1:55, 4:45, 7:30, 10, 7, 9:30.  
**The Celestine Prophecy** (PG) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:30.  
**The Devil and Daniel Johnston** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:55.  
**Inside Man** (R) 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45.  
**El Entanto** (R) 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05.  
**Marilyn Hotchkiss' Ballroom Dancing and Charm School** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35.  
**Mountain Patrol: Kekexili** (Not Rated) 1:20, 3:45, 5:05, 9:20.  
**The Notorious Bettie Page** (R) 2:05, 4:25, 7:25, 9:50.  
**Take the Lead** (PG-13) 2, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40.

**United Artists Berkeley 7**  
 2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-486-1852  
**American Dreamz** (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15.  
**Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15.  
**Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45, 5, 6, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30.  
**Silent Hill** (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:45.  
**V for Vendetta** (R) 12:40, 3:50, 6:45, 9:45.  
**The Wild** (G) 1:10, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10.

**United Artists Emery Bay** \*  
 6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107  
**ATL** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15.  
**Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) 12, 12:45, 2:15, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 6:50, 7:30, 9, 9:45.  
**Lucky Number Slewin** (R) 11:50, 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20.  
**The Shaggy Dog** (PG) 2:30, 7:20.  
**She's the Man** (PG-13) 12, 4:50, 9:50.  
**Silent Hill** (R) 11:45, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10:45.  
**Silencer** (R) 12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:25.  
**Thank You for Smoking** (R) 12:05, 2:25, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40.

**Central Contra Costa**

**Renaissance Orinda Theatre** \*  
 4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9080  
**Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9.  
**Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.  
**Thank You for Smoking** (R) 12:30,

2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30.

**Rheem All Stadium 4** \*  
 350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
**The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) 5, 7:40, 9:50.  
**The Sentinel** (PG-13) 5:05, 7:35, 10, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50.  
**Silent Hill** (R) 5:15, 7:45, 10.  
**The Wild** (G) 5:10, 7:30, 9:55.

**West Contra Costa**

**Century 16 Hilltop** \*  
 3200 Klouse Way, Richmond 510-758-2345  
**American Dreamz** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.  
**ATL** (PG-13) 4:55, 9:50.  
**The Benchwarmers** (PG-13) 11:55, 3, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15.  
**Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) 12:30, 12:30, 1:40, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 9:45.  
**Inside Man** (R) 1:05, 4, 7, 10.  
**La Mujer de Mi Hermano** (R) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30.  
**Lucky Number Slewin** (R) 11:55, 2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:25.  
**Phat Girlz** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 7:20.  
**Scary Movie 4** (PG-13) 12:15, 1, 2:25, 3:10, 3:55, 4:35, 5:20, 6, 6:55, 7:30, 8:10, 9:05, 9:40, 10:15.  
**The Sentinel** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30.  
**Silent Hill** (R) 12, 1:35, 3:05, 4:30, 6, 7:25, 9, 10:20.  
**Take the Lead** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55.  
**Thank You for Smoking** (R) 12:05, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25.  
**The Wild** (G) 11:40, 1:45, 3:50, 5:55, 8, 10:05.

**San Francisco**

**AMC Van Ness 14** \*  
 1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
**American Dreamz** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45.  
**Failure to Launch** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05.  
**Ice Age: The Meltdown** (PG) 12, 12, 1, 2:30, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 4:45, 5:25, 7, 7, 7:45, 9:35, 9:35, 10:10.  
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**Take the Lead** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55.  
**V for Vendetta** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25.  
**The Wild** (G) 12:10, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9.

**AMC Kabuki 8**  
 1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
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**Bridge Theatre** \*  
 3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4993  
**Kinky Boots** (PG-13) 5, 7:30, 10.

**Castro Theatre** \*  
 429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120  
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**Clay Theatre**

2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4993

**The Notorious Bettie Page** (R) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20.  
**The Princess Bride** (PG).

**Embarcadero Center Cinemas** \*  
 1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4993

**Brick** (R) 1, 4:20, 7:20, 10.  
**Friends With Money** (R) 12, 1:15, 2:20, 4:40, 6, 7:10, 9:30.  
**On a Clear Day** (PG-13) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:40.  
**Thank You for Smoking** (R) 12:10, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50.

**Lumiere Theatre** \*  
 1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456

**The Celestine Prophecy** (PG) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35.  
**Mountain Patrol: Kekexili** (Not Rated) 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45.  
**Teotsti** (R) 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:25.

**Opera Plaza Cinema** \*  
 601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4993

**The Devil and Daniel Johnston** (PG-13) 1:30, 4, 6:45, 9:20.  
**El Entanto** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50.  
**Marilyn Hotchkiss' Ballroom Dancing and Charm School** (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.  
**Transamerica** (R) 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:30.</









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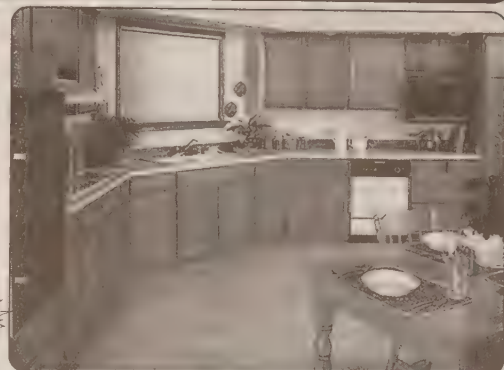
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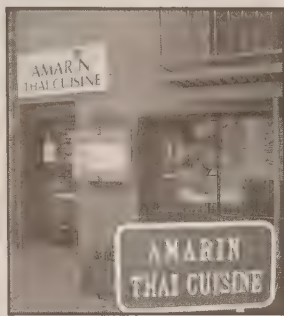
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## Featured Menu



### APPETIZERS

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### SEAFOOD

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## 'Squid' a must-see for the divorced

### THE SQUID AND THE WHALE

This elegant film about a family going through divorce in 1980s New York was difficult for me to watch. It's not that this is a bad DVD — just the opposite, it's brilliant — but I was 11 when my parents got divorced in 1980, and watching the lives of the sons unravel in this film hit painfully close to home. While the groundbreaking film "Kramer vs. Kramer" shed light on the impact of divorce on the parents, "Squid" plays it through the eyes of the children. The acting here is perfect, with Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney doing some of the best work of their careers as the emotionally tortured parents splitting up. Mature teens will join their parents and grandparents in appreciating this subtle masterpiece. (R: Sexual content and language). 1 hour and 21 minutes.

**Ratings (out of 4 stars):**  
Overall: 3½ stars  
Kids: N/A  
Teens: 3 stars  
Adults: 3½ stars  
Seniors: 3½ stars  
Should you rent it? Yes — A  
'must see' DVD for anyone who has been touched by divorce.

### HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

At the risk of committing heresy before countless Hogwarts devotees, I will confess that all of the "Potter" films seem exactly the same to me. But, not surprisingly, I'm clearly missing the point because everyone else seems to love this film and book series. The plot of this DVD? Near as I can tell, the same as all of those that have gone before it. Teenage wizard-in-training faces evil sorcerers while brandishing nonsensical magic practitioner words like "muggles." Yes, the special effects are impressive, and young Daniel Radcliffe does a fine job playing Harry, but was it worth \$4 to rent and 2½ hours of my life to watch? Nope. With repeated scenes of attempted murder, this DVD is too violent for anyone under 11. (PG-13: Violence). 2 hours and 37 minutes.

**Ratings (out of 4 stars):**  
Overall: 2 stars  
Kids: 3 stars  
Teens: 2½ stars  
Adults: 2 stars  
Seniors: 1½ stars  
Should you rent it? No — Casts a spell only on committed "Harry Potter" fans.

### STUART LITTLE 3: CALL OF THE WILD

The plucky talking mouse adopted by an equally plucky blue-blood family of humans is back in this animated sequel. As before, Michael J. Fox does a nice job providing Stuart's voice, but the novelty factor of a talking mouse living the life of a human boy has long worn off, and this DVD lurches in like a 1978 Datsun with three flat tires. Interestingly, my media-savvy 6-year old son didn't realize that this third installment was entirely animated, compared with the first two "Stuart" films that were live action with a computer-generated mouse. None of this, however, deterred my son's enjoyment of the DVD, and I suspect anyone in your house in the 5 to 7 range will also find it entertaining. There are some scary scenes, so watch it with your child if he or she is sensitive. (G). 1 hour and 12 minutes.

**Ratings (out of 4 stars):**  
Overall: 2 stars  
Kids: 3 stars  
Teens: ½ star  
Adults: 1½ stars  
Seniors: 1½ stars  
Should you rent it? Yes — but only if your kid requests it; otherwise you can do better.

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EBONY SMITH and Alma Navarro, both 17, are among the young people featured in Bay Area filmmaker Justine Jacob's, below right, documentary "Runners High"

## 'Runners' is on track at film festival

■ Oakland youth athletic program is focus of Justine Jacob's lively documentary

By Randy Myers  
STAFF WRITER

IT'S A MAD sprint to the finish line for Justine Jacob and co-director Alex da Silva as they put the polishing touches on their gripping film "Runners High."

This month, the filmmakers reunite with their lively teen cast for the world premiere of the documentary, part of the 49th annual San Francisco International Film Festival.

The film will be shown four times during the 15-day event, which kicked off Thursday night. "Runners" follows a headstrong group of at-risk East Oakland teens who struggle to overcome all sorts of hurdles as they train for the Los Angeles marathon. Persistently prodding them toward that goal are the dedicated coaches and volunteers from Students Run Oakland, the nonprofit group that sponsors the team.

The documentary takes us to the hot-tempered training sessions throughout Oakland, where we witness individual triumphs and defeats. Some runners drop out, some are kicked out, but that finishing line with gusto.

Unexpected obstacles that spring up off the track sometimes turn out to be more dramatic than what happens on it. Jacob's film — her directing debut — even takes us into the homes of these teens, who live in rough sections of Oakland. But it's hardly depressing; even funny at times.

Much like the scene on the

### PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** The 49th San Francisco International Film Festival

■ **WHEN:** Through May 4

■ **WHERE:** In Berkeley: Pacific Film Archive, 2575 Bancroft Way, on the UC Berkeley campus. In San Francisco: AMC Kabuki 8, 1881 Post St.; Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St.; El Rio, 3158 Mission St.; Intersection for the Arts, 466 Valencia St.

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$7.50-\$11; more for special presentations and opening-and closing-night films

■ **CONTACT:** 925-866-9559; for complete schedule, go to [www.sffs.org](http://www.sffs.org).

■ **ONLINE:** See the trailer for "Runners High" at [ContraCostaTimes.com](http://ContraCostaTimes.com).

streets where they live, anything can and does happen in "Runners." In one sequence, filmed on the front porch of a teen's house, three young men in the background erupt into a shout-filled argument. It's one of those caught-on-tape moments that reveals plenty in less than 30 seconds.

Others highlight obstacles thrown in the paths of these young people — some they have no control over and others that are of their own creation. The viewer feels almost like an intruder during a particularly intense conversation between a coach and one naturally gifted runner, Oakland Technical High School student Fred Jones. The athlete hears frank advice from his coach about his grandmother kicking him out of her home for disobeying the rules.

But while Fred's story is powerful, the real star of "Runners" would have to be Ebony Smith.



GRAHAM LEGGAT is the film festival's new executive director.

Her volatile meltdowns lead to show-stopping bouts of shouts and tears. The 17-year-old Oakland Tech junior confesses to being a drama queen ... sometimes. Even being filmed didn't stop her outbursts.

"When you're mad, you're not paying attention to any camera," she says.

Many of the young people featured recently watched the movie at Jacob's Piedmont house. More than 160 hours of film was shot, then whittled to under 90 minutes.

Watching "Runners" was like reliving the experience, agree Ebony and Alma Navarro, a disciplined Castlemont High School student.

"It feels like I'm running again," Alma says. "When you're watching it, you just feel it. You feel it in the way that we suffered."

Now they're getting pumped

up for the premiere.

"Is there a red carpet?" Ebony asks.

That would be a no, but that doesn't faze her.

"I'm excited about it," she says. A friend jokingly told her that her onscreen behavior could give a blackmailer material for years to come.

The pair share different reasons for signing up for the program.

Alma did it so she could be with friends, and achieve her goal. "I also wanted to show my dad I could do anything, that if I set my mind on something I will do it," she says. "My dad used to be, like, 'No. I don't think you can do it.' (I was like) I will ... I am ... I am going to do it."

Ebony isn't so forthcoming. "Say it," urges Alma, from the other side of the couch at Jacob's home.

Ebony bursts into laughter.

"Say it. Say it," she demands. "I know what Ebony fesses up and 'To go to L.A.," she der her breath.

"Told you," Alma knew it. I knew it."

Then it's Ebony's turn. They explain herself. know, like, I just don't know ... I like to go in the house. I like to go run ... I like to go know ... I've never been and I wanted to go."

Considering that the premiere is just weeks away, 34-year-old Jacob seems positively calm.

At her home in Piedmont, she ticks off what needs to be accomplished before the arrives: mostly technical matters such as sound, color coding and the film.

## Strong acting star of Aurora Theatre's 'Tragedy'

By Pat Craig  
STAFF WRITER

Craig Lucas typically has a lot on his mind, and he puts much of it onstage in "Small Tragedy," his 2004 Obie-winning play that opened last week in Berkeley's Aurora Theatre.

Lucas has a knack for combining diverse ideas. Here he ranges from Greek tragedy and Balkan politics to the cheery but often brittle relationships forged by actors during production of a play, and American politics.

Yeah, that's about 20 units in anybody's semester, but the most charming thing about Lucas' writing is the way he brings you along gently laughing down the garden path until you are hope-

### THEATER REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** Aurora Theatre presents "Small Tragedy," by Craig Lucas

■ **WHEN:** Wednesdays-Sundays through May 14

■ **WHERE:** Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 30 minutes

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$38

■ **CONTACT:** 510-843-4822, [www.auroratheatre.org](http://www.auroratheatre.org)

lessly snared into what truly mirrors the sort of cosmic tragedy of "Oedipus Rex," the Sophocles play that brings the cast depicted

in "Tragedy" together in the first place.

Staged on a sparse set, consisting primarily of large movable blocks, the enormously engaging "Small Tragedy" begins with the auditions for a high-level amateur production of a new adaptation of the play by one Nate (Mark Anderson Phillips), who will also play Creon in the show.

Jen (Carrie Paff) is the first to audition, with a fiery reading of the Jocasta role, and she easily wins the part, which she feels will bring her back to the theater after an absence of some years to endure an unsuccessful marriage.

Hakija (Matteo Troncone) is the successful auditioner for

Oedipus. He is a mysterious man, a self-described Bosnian Muslim atheist who escaped his country to make a new start in the United States. He is an economics student, and right from the start, it is apparent he is an incredible actor with a huge future.

The cast is rounded out with Christmas (Greg Ayers) and Fanny (Rebecca Schweitzer), who play several parts, and Paola (Amy Resnick), who's Nate's girlfriend, co-director and one of the elders in the play.

Quickly, the show moves from auditions to rehearsals, where the actors work to master the finer points of the play they are doing, and begin a hilarious and wonderfully accurate look at the often strange world of acting, where

bravado and bent feelings and egos are shattered with a glance, and yet the players are strong enough, and enough, to return for more.

Almost as soon as the begin, relationships form — Fanny and Paola, and Christmas, and matically, Hakija, whose passion sizeable off stage.

The production is running, relationships and, by the time the actors several of the actors with each other, to peers outside of acting, and Jen are rapidly toward marriage.

See "TRAGEDY,"



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Section D

## Volkswagen re-launches a new spin on the original GTI

BY CONNIE KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

the driver who one day hopes to Porsche, aspirations to big dreams, such as owning a hot hatch like Volkswagen GTI.

2006 GTI is a highly responsive off-kilter-to-handle fast hatchback, featuring independent, sports-tuned suspension. Volkswagen's GTI is targeted at the young male "tuning culture" need for speed.

Small hatch has styling flair starting with the black honeycomb grille, accented with bright racer red piping in the frame. VW's signature styling cues include the Candy White exterior paint. In the full lineup of other colors available on GTI, but none had the same show-off. Other signature cues are the plaid fabric, a roof spoiler and 17-inch wheels with summer performance paint and red brake calipers can be seen on the four wheels.

Volkswagen GTI develops its power 16-valve, 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine. Equipped with a six-speed transmission, the engine generates 170 horsepower and 207 pounds-foot of torque from 1,800 to 5,000 rpm.

A new GTI has a base price of \$21,999, plus a destination charge of \$630. The passenger, compact two-door with black tail end requires premium gasoline to achieve maximum performance. The front-wheel drive GTI will operate on unleaded gas, but expect high performance output.

Volkswagen's six-speed Direct Shift automatic transmission is optional on GTI. The DSG transmission is very popular with many of my fellow auto-writers who engage in spirited, enthusiastic driving.

DSG automatic manual Tiptronic transmission features a clutchless shifting that is extremely responsive, utilizing paddle shifters located behind the right steering wheel spokes. The sports performance, yet is highly efficient. My DSG-equipped GTI had economy ratings of 25 miles per gal-



MOTOR MATTERS

VOLKSWAGEN'S GTI is targeted to mostly the young male "tuning culture" with a need for speed.

### KEANE ON WHEELS

lon city and 31 mpg highway. This city figure is better than the GTI's six-speed manual transmission city rating of 23 mpg. The DSG automatic manual is an additional charge of \$1,075.

When I opened the driver's door, the Tartan plaid fabric seats were an eye-catching retro design that signaled the well thought out re-introduction of the GTI. The sport seats had snug side bolsters with adjustable lumbar support for the driver and passenger's seats. Because it is a two-door model, VW allowed for wide access to the three-passenger rear by having the two front seats slide far forward with a tilt-on the seatbacks.

In addition to the Tartan plaid, GTI-exclusive interior treatments include alloy trim on the door sills, door handles and pedals. The leather-wrapped, telescoping steering

### VOLKSWAGEN GTI

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, front-wheel drive compact hatchback
Suggested Retail	\$21,999
Price As Tested	\$27,615
Engine Type	DOHC inline turbocharged 4-cylinder w/DFI
Horsepower	200 @ 5,100-6,000 rpm
Torque	207 @ 1,800-5,000 rpm
Transmission	Six-speed automatic
Wheelbase	102 inches
Height	58 inches
Curb Weight	3,352 pounds
Fuel Capacity	15 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 25/31

wheel contains redundant controls for the audio system and telephone.

Volkswagen offers an optional basic package with a sunroof and satellite radio. My tester had this package, which carried a \$1,370 charge. I think it's outstanding that

VW allows the buyer to choose either XM or Sirius as their preferred satellite system. An upgraded package includes automatic dual-zone climate controls, heated front seats and leather seating surfaces, plus the sunroof and satellite radio, for \$3,160. Stan-

dard safety features are stability control, head curtain airbags, as well as dual-front and side-impact airbags.

For the wannabe Porsche driver who is looking for something affordable, hot looking and fast, check out the GTI.

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## Centerfold beauty inspires Van Duzer's search for 1959 Mercedes-Benz

BY VERN PARKER  
MOTOR MATTERS

The centerfold picture in the August 1990 issue of "The Star" totally captivated David Van Duzer. In the days that followed the arrival of the magazine, his attention was thoroughly riveted on the curvaceous lines of the featured subject.

Now that more than 15 years have passed, he still draws a large measure of pleasure looking at the beautiful pictures in that old magazine. And, he even has enshrined in his garage a 1959 Mercedes-Benz 220S coupe.

From the first time he saw the car in pictures, and later at antique car events, Van Duzer had been on the hunt for such a Mercedes-Benz.

The search went on for the elusive 220S coupe until he saw one of the cars adver-

tised in a Mercedes-Benz enthusiast magazine in August 2005. After corresponding with the husband of the owner in Redmond, Wash., Van Duzer was satisfied that this particular car was his personal Holy Grail.

He agreed to pay the asking price and then received word that the owner had changed her mind and wasn't in the mood to sell. But then by the end of 2005, the owner's husband contacted Van Duzer with the news that his wife now would sell the car. That very day Van Duzer wired the money to the couple in Washington. The next few hours were like a roller-coaster ride.

Van Duzer contacted a transport company to haul the Mercedes-Benz to his

home in Arlington, Va. He was told that there wouldn't be a truck coming his way for two weeks. Shortly afterward the trucking company called back to say a schedule change would permit them to bring him the car if they could pick it up the next day. He immediately agreed.

Then the owner's husband telephoned to say his wife had changed her mind again. Van Duzer explained that he had sent the money and contracted for with a trucking company and there would be a large penalty owed if they couldn't pick up the car tomorrow.

The disgruntled husband explained the facts to his wife. Reluctantly, they agreed to the already-agreed-upon terms of the sale. Van Duzer then became the fifth owner of the 1959 Mercedes-Benz with 79,000 miles on the odometer.

The sculpted dashboard and window sills are constructed of light birds-eye maple, which complements the leather upholstery and deep pile wool carpeting. The trunk contains the ultimate accessory — an original four-piece set of leather luggage.

Van Duzer was unaware that he had purchased a car with a bit of a checkered past. Reportedly, a Baltimore dentist purchased the car new on Sept. 20, 1958, with a 90-day, 4,000-mile warranty. Soon afterward he moved to Seattle, where the car was sold in 1959. The second owner amassed 55 collector automobiles in 18 months financed through a con-artist scheme. After he was convicted of bank fraud and money laundering, federal marshals seized the collection.

Just before Thanksgiving 1997, another Seattle man purchased the car at the marshals' auction. The fourth owner bought the car in 2000 and kept it until selling it to Van Duzer. Papers that came with the well-documented car indicate

that it sold new for about \$7,700. The cozy cockpit is well planned, with convenient features such as seats on both kick panels beneath the dashboard. Within easy reach of the driver seated behind the two-spoke wheel is the Becker Europa AM/FM radio.

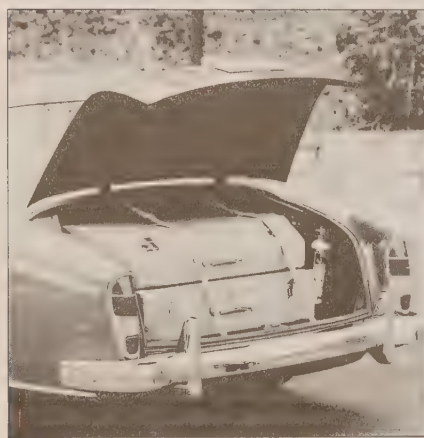
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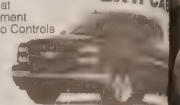
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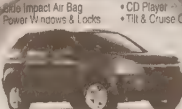


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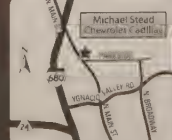


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# The Auto Doctor recommends factory fluids for some imports

BY JUNIOR DAMATO  
MOTOR MATTERS

**Dear Doctor:** I purchased a used certified 2003 Honda Civic with 48,000 miles. I drive the car 10 to 15 miles every day in traffic with about 10,000 miles annually. I am confused regarding the scheduled maintenance. The manual recommends the use of 5w20 oil at 10,000-mile intervals under normal driving conditions, or 5,000 miles or every six months under severe driving. Additionally the manual recommends replacing the oil filter every other oil change. However, the Honda dealer recommends the oil and filter change every 3,000 miles or every four months. The manual also recommends the use of Honda fluids for the transmission, brake and coolant. — Richard

**Dear Richard:** I service all makes and models of vehicles at my shop. We use factory brand fluids in some vehicles, such as Audi,

## AUTO DOCTOR

VW, Honda, Toyota, Mercedes and Hyundai, and I make it a point to use factory fluids in certain imports. I would recommend you do the same. As for the scheduled service, I agree with the dealer representative you spoke with.

**Dear Doctor:** I purchased a Chevrolet 2006 Impala 3.9-liter V6. On the first oil change the dealer used 10w30, instead of the recommended 5w30. The dealer said there is no difference between the oils. Can I use either? What viscosity should I use if I switch over to synthetic oil? — Frank

**Dear Frank:** The viscosity is different between the 5w and 10w oils, but the difference is minimal. The lower viscosity (5w) will flow easier in cold weather. Manufacturers claim you will get the most miles per gallon with the 5w. If and when

you change over to synthetic, use the factory-recommended viscosity. The 10w used by the dealer will not harm the engine.

**Dear Doctor:** Last January I leased a 2006 Hyundai Sonata GLS V6 LX sedan. After driving the car for three days, I returned it to the dealer explaining there was a rattle or rumble coming from the rear of the car while driving. The service manager said he was waiting for a service bulletin on the problem and I was not the first to complain. The technician checked the car and said the noise came from the rear stabilizers. I called Hyundai twice and got the same answer. I believe all these Hyundai Sonatas have this defect. What government agency can I complain to? — Bob

**Dear Bob:** I see a lot on vehicles with sway bar bushing and link problems causing the same problem. Dealers say they are awaiting a bulletin and updated

parts. This is not a safety issue. Government agencies get involved with safety-related issues. I recently had a week-long evaluation in a 2006 Sonata. Our test car did not have any noise from the rear suspension. If the dealer said they are waiting, I am sure they are. I am also sure they want to keep you satisfied.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 2002 Chrysler Concorde, which I purchased new, and the current mileage is 47,000. At 6,000 miles there was a growling noise coming from the front suspension. The dealer installed isolators as a fix. During my ride home I noticed more road noise. The next step was new front struts and this fixed the problem. But now the car has a buzz-like feeling in the steering wheel and a low growling sound when coming to a stop. I have mentioned it to the dealer several times and he said nothing is wrong. What do you suggest? — Andrew

**Dear Andrew:** Take the car to an independent shop for their opinion. The buzz-like feeling sounds like the power steering pump and the groan can be pump-related and/or transmission or brake noise.

**Dear Doctor:** I'm considering purchasing either a GMC Envoy 4.2-liter inline six-cylinder or Envoy Denali with the 5.3-liter V8 with displacement on demand. Putting the difference of price aside, which would be the smarter buy? Does either vehicle have faults that deserve consideration? Gas price is also not a concern. Which would be the better in all-around performance? — Rob

**Dear Rob:** I drove the 5.3-liter V8 with displacement on demand one week and could not feel when the cylinders cut out or came back on. There is no question the 5.3-liter V8 is more performance-oriented. Take each vehicle out for at least an hour test-drive or go to the

local rental shop and rent

**Dear Doctor:** I own a Honda Accord with 217,000 miles. Every few months the car will not move and I have to key to move it out of the lot. Suggestions would be appreciated. — Stan

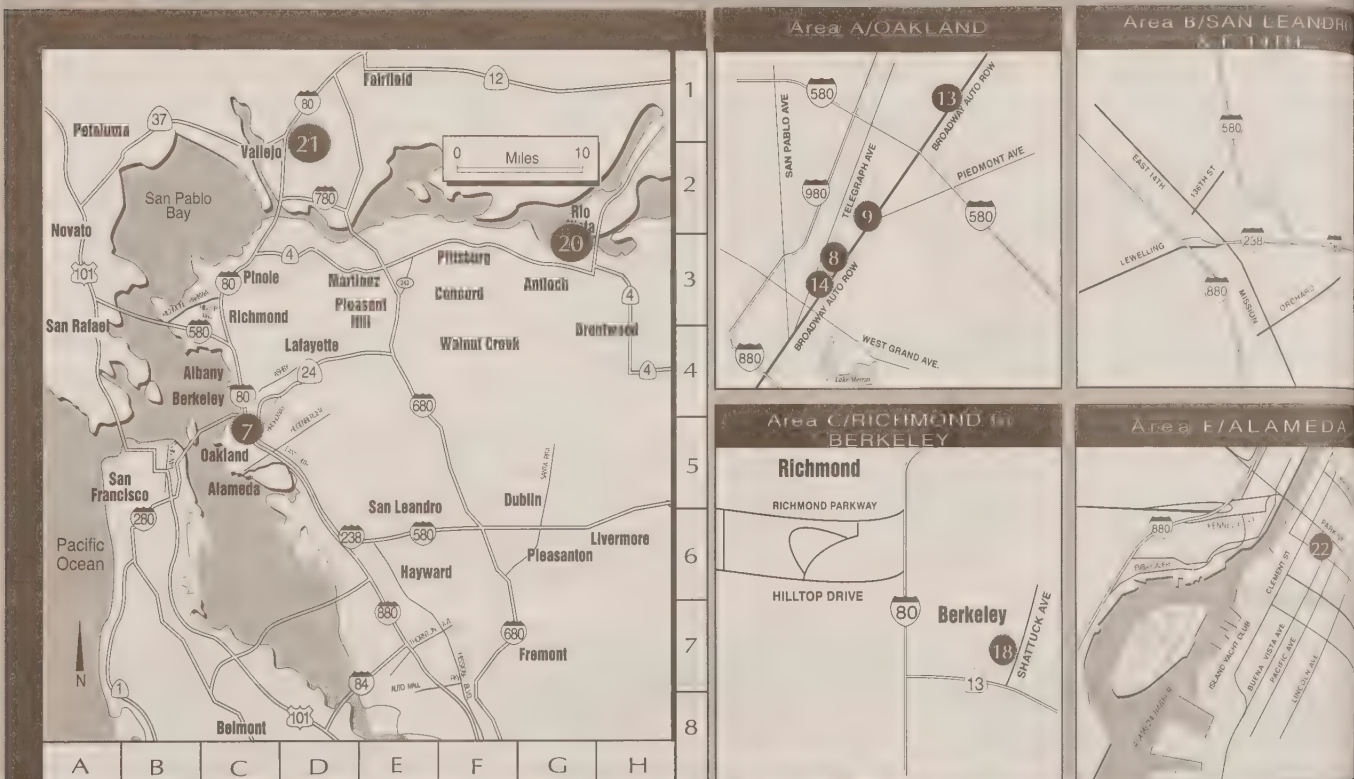
**Dear Stan:** Vehicles with automatic transmission and a safety shift interlock will not move when the brake is depressed with the ignition on. There is a small electrical switch that locks the shift. The brake pedal is depressed, the solenoid unlocks the shift. In case of a faulty solenoid, the shift will not move. The shift can be unlocked using the ignition key in the slot by the shifter on the sole. Have the switch at the pedal checked to ensure it is just properly.

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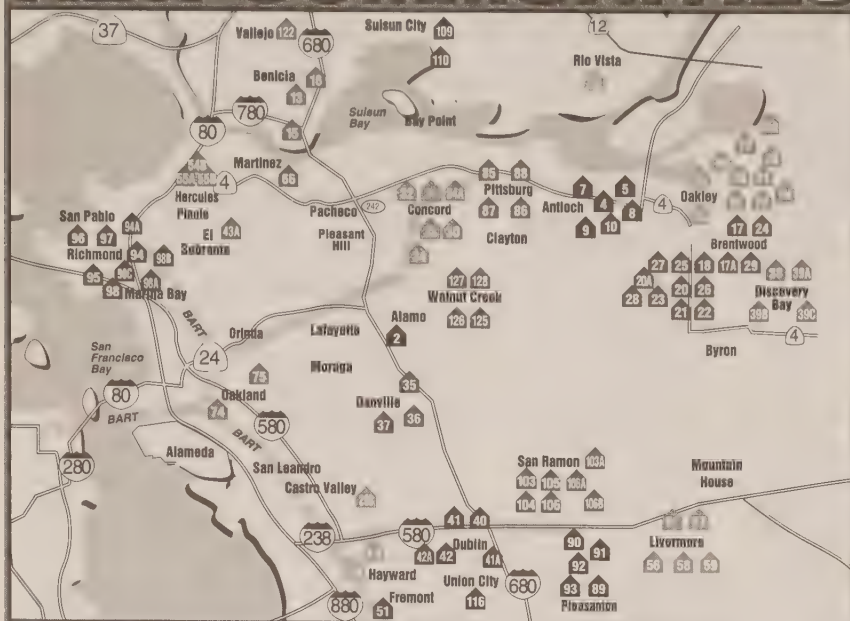








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# Yamaha's FZ1 combines versatility, high performance

BY ARV VOSS

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NTA ROSA — The FZ "Sport" has been responsible for much of the industry's normal rate, generating sales two million units in 2005 and 2000. In fact, last year it remained the industry sales leader in the 1,000cc class.

It may well be the ultimate in bold and sharper styling that borders on sexy, with an emotional appeal. The FZ1 was targeted by the product development team for even greater stardom, combining its versatility and performance. The FZ1 provides long distance comfort, without sacrificing aggressive and sporty handling characteristics.

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the front wheel coming closer to the frame. Seat height is lower than before by 5 mm, and the riding position features a more forward hip point. Handle bars are both lower and closer to the rider, with footrests moved back and up.

The engine base is the 2006 R1 engine, which is the lightest, shortest, most reliable and most powerful motor in the 1000cc sport category. The 40-degree DOHC, four-stroke, liquid-cooled, transversely mounted inline four-cylinder engine with Mikuni electronic fuel injection generates 147.8 horsepower at the crank at 10,000 rpm, and 78.2 lbs.-ft. torque at 8,000 rpm. Power reaches the chain-driven rear wheel via a six-speed manual gearbox. The FZ1's engine character delivers more low range torque than the R1, and more top end power than last year's FZ1. The exhaust complies with EU3 emissions standards, employing Yamaha's EXUP system (EXhaust Ultimate Power Valve), while offering up an aggressive note. The fifth and sixth gear ratios have been increased over the base R1's six-speed unit.

Ride quality is adjustable both fore and aft, with the inverted Kayaba front forks featuring both a compression and rebound adjustment on the top of each fork, and the rear shocks providing both a rebound and preload adjuster. The new FZ1 tips the scales at 13 percent less than the previous model, and both front and rear wheel travel is 5.1 inches. Stopping chores are handled by a larger front disc and smaller rear disc, while the 17-inch rubber that meets the road is mounted on lighter wheels: five-hole-spoke alloys, 3.5 and 5 inches wide, front and rear respectively.

### Summary

The Yamaha FZ1 for 2006 is definitely capable of converting the cruising rider to the sport bike

side of the riding world. It is exceptionally well balanced, with a more comfortable riding position than most. My only suggestions for improvement include more seat padding and self-cancelling turn signals. The FZ1 delivers power over a very broad range, regardless of the gear selected. Highly aggressive riders may wish for a more immediate response, but I was satisfied with my "cruiser" background.

The FZ1's product press launch was staged out of Santa Rosa, Calif., taking in portions of the 101 freeway, Highway 1's breathtaking

coastal beauty and challenging back country "twisties" -- mostly in the pouring rain over a 175-mile course. A helmet visor wiper would have been a most welcome item. Despite the slippery surfaces and inclement weather conditions, I felt both at home and confident aboard the FZ1 (my intermediate sport bike expertise level notwithstanding). The bike seemed to do what I wanted it to do, whenever I wanted it to, and you can't ask for much more than that -- especially with its base price set at \$9,099. Body work comes in two colors: Shift Red metallic and Liquid Silver metallic.

Full body fairings, available on European models, won't be a feature for U.S. FZ1s, but could become available by mid-summer, along with other accessories.

### Specifications: Yamaha FZ1 Sport

**Base Price:** \$9,099.  
**Price as tested:** \$9,299.  
**Engine Type and Size:** 998cc/40-degree DOHC, 4-stroke, liquid-cooled, inline 4-cyl. with Mikuni EFI.  
**Horsepower:** 147.8 @ 10,000 rpm  
**Torque:** 78.2 @ 8,000 rpm  
**Transmission:** Six-speed manual.  
**Drive Train:** Primary drive: Spur gear straight cut.  
**Final drive:** Chain.

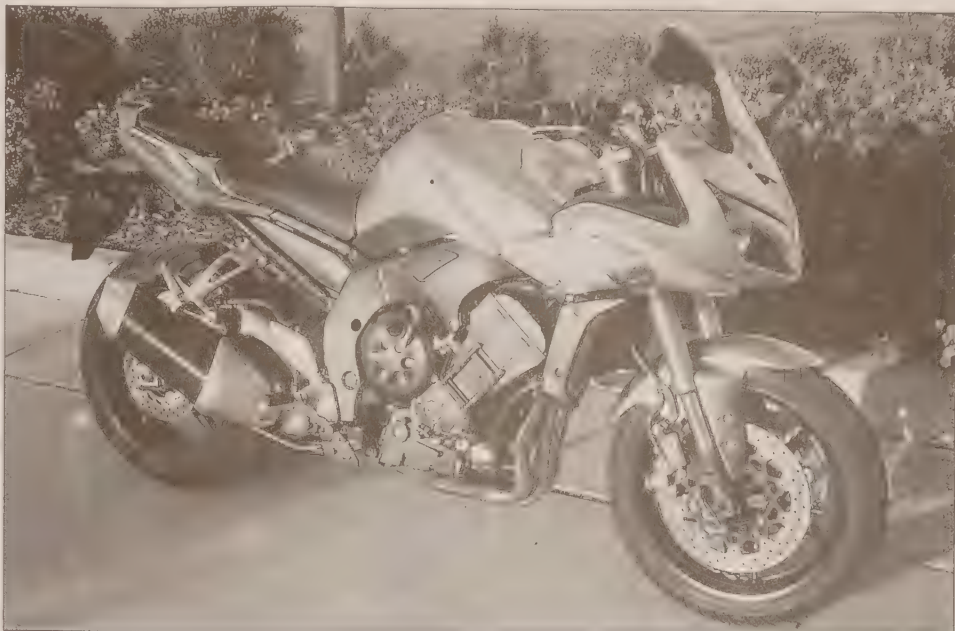
**Suspension:** Front — Kayaba inverted, cartridge tube forks with adjustable rebound and compression damping as well as spring preload and rate. Rear — Kayaba shocks with adjustable rebound and compression damping as well as spring preload and rate.

**Brakes:** Front: 4-pot Sumitomo dual discs. Rear: single-pot Nissin single disc.

**Tires:** Michelin Pilot Road S 120/70 ZR17 front/190/50 ZR17 rear, mounted on 5-hole "swirl" spoke alloy wheels.

**Wheelbase:** 1460 mm  
**Steering angle:** 24 degrees  
**Curb Weight:** 439 pounds (dry)  
**Fuel Capacity:** 4.76 gallons (0.9 reserve).

**Seat height:** 815 mm



THE FZ1 PROVIDES long distance comfort, without sacrificing its aggressive and sporty handling characteristics.

# Insurance Institute's crash test is a smashing success

BY CHERYL JENSEN

MOTOR MATTERS

It could be considered a power of bad publicity. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is making a major impact in its frontal offset test program.

Insurance Institute engineers will evaluate frontal crashworthiness of vehicles using test data from automakers (in most cases, how things change). Years ago automakers would that the Institute's then-latest frontal crash test was so good that it did not reflect real-world crashes. But the tests and coverage encouraged the industry to change the way it built cars.

Changes have been so successful that the Institute says it no longer needs to continue the program in its current form. Instead it will focus on other areas of crash testing. And Adrian Lund, the president of the Institute, says the Institute's test, a vehicle hitting a barrier at 40 mph, not head-on, is the most effective test on the driver's side.

Only part of the vehicle is asked to absorb the crash. It is a severe test of the vehicle's structure.

Only other public frontal crash test conducted is under the government's New Car Award Program, but its test is different. It hits the entire front of the car into a barrier. It measures how well the vehicle's structure protects the occupants.

The Institute's testing began in 1985, there hadn't been a standard of how well a vehicle's structure would hold up in a frontal crash.

Surprisingly, about half of the vehicles tested in the first few years got the ratings of "marginal" or "poor." The other ratings were "good" or "acceptable."

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able sooner and cover more vehicles.

Just to keep everyone on their toes, every so often the Insurance Institute will conduct a surprise "audit" and choose a vehicle for an off-set crash test to verify the manufacturers' results.

In addition, the institute will perform its own offset frontal crash tests under certain conditions. One example is when a completely new vehicle, such as the Subaru Tribeca, comes to market.

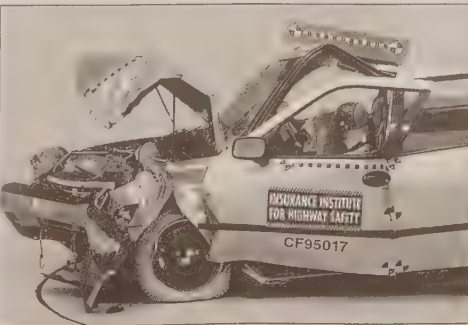
As vehicles are significantly redesigned, they will be tested if their immediate predecessors did not receive a "good" rating. The redesigned Chevy TrailBlazer will be crash-tested because the earlier model was rated "marginal."

In the third, and what Lund says will be a rare instance, a vehicle will be crash-tested if it is "substantially changed in size, weight or body

style." The Dodge Caliber, which replaces the Neon, is one of those rare instances. Reasons it will be crashed include its completely different wagon-like body style and 400 extra pounds.

The first results, using manufacturer test data, were just released. The following received "good" ratings: Buick Lucerne/Cadillac DTS, Hyundai Azera, Toyota Camry, Honda Pilot, Ford Explorer/Mercury Mountaineer/Ford Explorer Sport Trac, Mercedes M-Class, Toyota RAV4, and Dodge Ram 1500. The Chevrolet Impala received an "acceptable."

The Institute already has some information on how the new system works. The Institute's check of the data provided by General Motors about its test of the Impala caught a problem. Chevrolet concluded it had a vehicle with a "good" overall frontal crash rating in the offset test, Lund said. But when the Institute went through the figures it found an error in GM's calculations that lowered the rating to "acceptable."



THEN, TOP, AND NOW, BOTTOM: The Insurance Institute's crash test of the 1995 Saab 900 shows poor structural performance and major intrusion into the passenger compartment. The 2003 Saab 9-3 shows good structural performance with much less intrusion.



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# The Toyota sport utility vehicles offer midsize choices for buyers

BY DAN LYONS  
MOTOR MATTERS

Just because you want to get away from it all doesn't mean you have to leave it all behind. That's the basic philosophy behind motor homes and big sport utility vehicles. Increasingly, it's also the mindset of midsize sport utility buyers, too.

With gas prices running steep and holding steady, many owners of large sport utilities are bailing out, seeking to downsize and economize. And, they're bringing their full-size, we-want-everything attitudes with them as they go.

Toyota has six SUVs in its lineup and two of them qualify as midsize. Though from the same company, the two are from opposite sides of the street in their approach. Highlander is car-based, with electronic all-wheel drive and a bias towards on-road driving. The 4Runner, which I recently test-drove, is built on a truck chassis, with off-road capability and a traditional, dual-range 4x4 system.

This is the fourth year of the fourth generation for 4Runner, with a starting price of \$29,650. The last time it was redesigned, it gained almost 6 inches in length and 3 inches in width. That growth spurt put 4Runner in a good spot to catch the attention of buyers leaving the big SUV segment; those looking for something that could do almost as much of everything as their large sport utilities did, for less operating cost. 4Runner fills the bill.

Outdoor lovers favor traditional SUVs like 4Runner for the go-anywhere, do-anything attitude. Right out of the wrapper, 4Runner is equipped to hit the trail with standard skid plates to protect drivetrain, fuel tank and transfer case from rocks and other sharp objects. Beneath the stout, ladder frame, there's 9.1 inches of ground clearance, and angles of approach/breakover/departure are 30/28/26 degrees, respectively.

Four-wheel drive is engaged with a twist of the wrist on a dashboard dial. Under normal conditions in 4x4 mode, a V8 4Runner drives with a slight, rear-wheel bias (60/40, rear/front). The shift-on-the-fly system has a Torsen, torque sensing, and limited-slip center differential. It distributes engine torque fore or aft, as needed, to get the best grip.

The front/back power ratio changes based on steering input and wheel slip. In addition, a Downhill Assist Control System applies throttle and brakes to maintain a set speed as you descend a steep or slippery slope. With no need to worry about the pedals, the driver is free to concentrate on steering.

Hill Assist also helps keep the vehicle from rolling backwards or sliding sideways as you start up an in-

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cline. Taken together, the onboard hardware and electronics do a good job of making sure that the 4Runner tracks true, whether you're scrambling up a mountain trail or threading your way through a slushy street.

On plain dry pavement, 4Runner has a smooth ride and a stable feel. Though not small enough to be nimble, it doesn't feel oversized to drive and has good-for-the-breed handling. Buyers who want to bump up this Toyota's street smarts may consider the Sport Edition (\$33,630). Included in this package is the "X-REAS" Sport Enhancement Suspension. The system diagonally links the compression chambers of the shock absorbers (i.e., front left linked to rear right) by a center control absorber. Body pitch and roll is damped and small body motions are passed from front to rear, to boost suspension performance, enhance ride quality and improve on-road handling.

Two engines are offered: a 4.0-liter, 236-horsepower V6, and a 260-horsepower V8, both linked to a five-speed automatic transmission. Towing capacity for the V6 is 5,000 pounds, while V8 4x2 and 4x4 models are rated at 7,000 and 7,300 pounds, respectively. I drove the V8 4x4 most recently; it was smooth and strong though typically truck thirsty, with EPA estimated gas mileage of 16 miles per gallon city and 19 mpg highway. V6 buyers can expect to do a shade better at the pumps (17/21, 4x4).

Inside, 4Runner is posh enough to assure that you'll never be roughing it, on- or off-road. The cabin offers adult-sized room, front and back. A third-row seat is available on SR5 and Limited models, but not Sport editions. Cargo capacity ranges from 40.6 cubic feet to 75.1 cubic feet, depending on how many seats you choose to fold. Newly standard is MP3 capability for the sound system. Fresh to the option sheet are a rear seat entertainment system and a navigation system with voice activation and Bluetooth capability.

Many people migrating downward from big SUVs find that midsize is the right size. For those who like their sport utility vehicles truck tough and off-road friendly, 4Runner is a fine choice.

**FOR THOSE WHO** like their sport utility vehicles truck tough and off-road friendly, 4Runner, left, is a fine choice. Cargo capacity ranges from 40.6 cubic feet to 75.1 cubic feet, depending on how many seats you choose to fold, bottom.



# How green is my hybrid?

BY MARK K. SOIHEIM  
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Give this to hybrid cars: Their timing is impeccable. Just as gas prices mount and concern grows over the automobile's impact on global warming, the number of hybrid models is really ramping up. Hybrids on the market and their sales both doubled last year over the previous year.

So are you ready for the bad news? The benefits, economic and environmental, of owning some hybrids aren't so hot.

You can't question the street cred of the oldest, smallest hybrids, which were designed to use the electric motor to save gas and run clean. However, some newer hybrid sedans and SUVs use an electric motor mainly to boost performance without sacrificing gas mileage. And when it comes to green as in the color of money, most new hybrids pale when compared with older rivals.

## By the numbers

The numbers can get complicated, but here's one simple truth: Unless gasoline prices triple, you're not likely to earn back the premium you'd pay for a hybrid car with savings at the pump. When you compare the cost of a hybrid with its gas-engine doppelganger, hybrids typically cost at least \$5,000 more.

However, this year Uncle Sam began offering more generous tax breaks to hybrid buyers. Based on fuel economy, they range from a one-time credit of \$250 for the Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra — hybrids that improve gas mileage only 10 percent to 15 percent — to \$3,150 for the Toyota Prius. Some states and local governments also offer incentives. Add savings on gas to the credit, and a couple of hybrid models do indeed pay back their premium.

The Prius, for example, is one of the best values. It isn't the greenest hybrid — that distinction belongs to the two-seater Honda Insight. But the Prius is selling 100,000 models a year precisely because it combines high gas mileage and ultra-clean emissions in an affordable, roomy hatchback.

That's what sold Ashwani Gupta of Beaverton, Ore., on the Prius about a year ago. Besides needing a family car large enough for his wife, Monica, and his son, Aryan, he wanted an economical car to make the 170-mile round trip to his job as a U.S. Forest Services programmer in Corvallis. Also, he says, he and his family are "environmentally friendly and support hybrids in a big way."

The Prius is also a better value than the Toyota Corolla LE, its closest gas-engine match, even though it's priced \$5,500 higher. Here's how costs break down: Assume you drive away from the dealership with a 15 percent down auto loan and drive 15,000 miles a year.

For each car, add up the five-year costs for interest on the loan, insurance, maintenance and repairs, fees and taxes, and fuel. Finally, add estimated depreciation as a cost — the Prius is expected to depreciate 56 percent over five years, meaning it will still be worth 44 percent of the purchase price at that point.

After totaling up the costs for both cars, the Prius is cheaper to own than the Corolla by \$565. The only other hybrid that comes close to paying for itself is the Honda Civic. Other hybrids' additional ownership costs range from \$1,880 to \$3,750. (Comparison costs come from Vincentric, an automotive research firm.)

## Not easy being green

Hybrids' environmental benefits aren't always cut and dried. According to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, a slew of four-cylinder-engine compacts earn better "green scores" than all but three hybrids being sold today. That's because these fuel-efficient conventional cars offer superior gas mileage. On the other hand, a hybrid always produces lower emissions than its gasoline-engine equivalent.

Muddying the waters of just how much money you save on gas is inflation in the gas-mileage numbers. It's nearly impossible to replicate the EPA-certified fuel-economy numbers in any car because the

tests were designed before ubiquitous air conditioning and widespread traffic jams. But the EPA ratings for hybrids are way off.

For example, the Prius is rated 60 miles per gallon for city driving and 51 mpg on the highway. Yet even the most careful drivers — like Gupta — find it tough to top the mid-40s in the city. "I drive to maximize mileage," he says. "I haven't used the air conditioning."

With production ramping up and 13 models — up from the current 10 — expected to be available by the end of the year, you won't have to work as hard to find a hybrid. In another year, at least five more models should be out, including the Chevy Tahoe SUV and Toyota Sienna minivan.

Some dealers are still charging higher-than-sticker prices for hybrids, but shopping several dealerships should give you a negotiating edge. Before you hit the open market, check out www.HybridCars.com's Price Pulse, where shoppers from around the United States can compare prices, waiting lists and deposit information.

## How seven hybrids rate on value and the environment

These are the most popular hybrid models. Here are definitions of the factors we used to evaluate these cars:

The miles per gallon (MPG) numbers are the Environmental Protection Agency's, and therefore inflated, but they work for relative comparisons. You can get gas-mileage estimates from hybrid drivers at www.fueleconomy.gov.

Green scores are based on ratings from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, a Washington, D.C., think tank. The 1 to 5 scale (5 is the most environmentally friendly) reflects fuel economy, as well as pollutants from vehicle tailpipes.

The five-year cost estimate includes car-loan payments, fees and taxes, fuel, insurance, maintenance, repairs and depreciation, plus the interest you'll lose on the extra money you pay for the hybrid. The federal 2006 tax credit is also re-

flected. This credit starts to phase out after a carmaker's 2006-or-later sales reach 60,000, so if you buy a Toyota or Lexus hybrid later this year, you might get a smaller credit. The numbers come from Vincentric, an automotive-research firm.

Finally, we say how much you would save (a negative number) or lose over five years versus a non-hybrid equivalent.

### Toyota Prius

Sticker price: \$22,885  
MPG: 60 city/51 highway  
Green score: 5/5  
2006 tax credit: \$3,150  
Five-year cost: \$28,650  
Versus a nonhybrid: -\$665

### Honda Civic Hybrid

Sticker price: \$22,400  
MPG: 49 city/51 highway  
Green score: 5/5  
2006 tax credit: \$2,100  
Five-year cost: \$29,900  
Versus a nonhybrid: +\$305

### Honda Accord Hybrid

Sticker price: \$31,540  
MPG: 25 city/34 highway  
Green score: 3/5  
2006 tax credit: \$650  
Five-year cost: \$44,900  
Versus a nonhybrid: +\$3,350

### Toyota Camry Hybrid

Sticker price: \$29,500 (est.)  
MPG: 43 city/37 highway  
Green score: 4/5  
2006 tax credit: \$1,300  
Five-year cost: Not available  
Versus a nonhybrid: Not available

### Ford Escape Hybrid

Sticker price: \$28,060  
MPG: 36 city/31 highway  
Green score: 4/5  
2006 tax credit: \$2,600  
Five-year cost: \$40,600  
Versus a nonhybrid: +\$1,880

### Toyota Highlander Hybrid

Sticker price: \$33,635  
MPG: 33 city/28 highway  
Green score: 3/5  
2006 tax credit: \$2,600  
Five-year cost: \$42,800  
Versus a nonhybrid: +\$3,750

### Lexus RX 400h

Sticker price: \$45,355  
MPG: 33 city/28 highway  
Green score: 3/5  
2006 tax credit: \$2,600  
Five-year cost: \$54,300  
Versus a nonhybrid: +\$3,360

# Average cost of owning car tops \$7,800 annually

BY HARRIET JOHNSON  
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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. —

Here's an item you may have left out of your personal budget: The average cost of driving a car is now \$7,834.

AAA released its annual survey Tuesday about the average costs of owning passenger cars that are driven 15,000 miles a year.

The average driving cost — a mix of expenses for small, medium and large passenger cars — works out to \$150 a week. And that's not just because the price of gasoline is hovering around \$2.50 in the nation. The AAA survey factors in gasoline at 9.5 cents a mile based on a \$2.40 a gallon average price nationwide at the end of 2005. Then, it adds other out-of-pocket costs like tires, insurance, maintenance, licenses and financing.

The biggest cost, however, is one many drivers don't actually see: depreciation, or how much less your car is worth every year.

Maintenance runs \$735, tires are \$105 and insurance averages \$926 a year. The AAA survey pegs license fees, taxes and registration at \$535, finance charges at \$716 and depreciation at \$3,392.

Gasoline added \$1,425 to the total.

AAA has been conducting the costs of driving surveys since 1950.

Because the group vastly overhauled its methods last year, it's impossible to say whether the costs of driving went up or down in the most recent survey. (Even though you know the price of gas went up.)

In 2005, AAA looked at driving

costs for three American cars. In 2006, it averaged driving costs for five top in the small, middle and large categories. The best-selling American and foreign cars, along with SUVs and minivans.

Your personal costs will vary greatly, depend on which model you choose, Michael Calkins, AAA's director of approved auto repair.

"SUVs are far and away the most expensive to own," he said. The per-mile cost for a 4-wheel drive SUV, compared with a medium-sized sedan like a Honda Accord, or a minivan.

To be sure, driving costs continue to go up, but where gasoline is heating up, other costs are holding steady.

Consumers are feeling the summer driving season begins to kick in when Savings Time begins this Sunday. And Memorial Day is a traditional start of summer one month away.

"I think we'll see gas prices earlier than usual and Mark Vitner, Wachovia senior economist.

The economy is in a demand for gasoline as supplies are still tight, percent of the production in the Gulf of Mexico mains shut down, due to Hurricane Katrina.

Storm season this year, terminate where gas prices head after their usual dip, Vitner said.

"Let's just hope that the steering clear of the Gulf clear of your area this year," he said.

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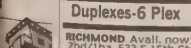
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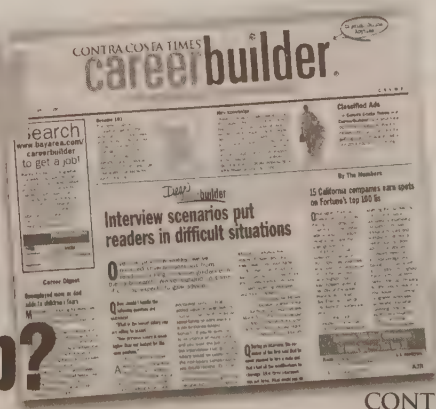
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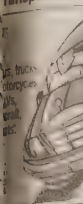
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## Make small changes, make a difference

Keeping it clean and green needn't be intimidating

By ERIN WADE  
The Dallas Morning News

It's a big world out there, and keeping it clean is a big task—sometimes too big, with our busy lives. That's why that occasional soda bottle ends up in the garbage can instead of the recycling bin, and that box of packaged food seems like such a better deal than the locally grown, organic version. But, believe it or not, little things can make a big difference.

So if you're interested in going green, even just a little bit, don't be intimidated. It's not about judging, says Kate Macaulay, co-owner with Michael Johnson of Green Living in Lakewood, Texas. "One woman

### RESOURCES

For more information on going green, visit these Web sites:

- National Resources Defense Council Guides for Greener Living: [www.nrdc.org/action/tips.asp](http://www.nrdc.org/action/tips.asp)
- U.S. Department of Energy's consumer guide: [www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture National Organic program: [www.ams.usda.gov/nop](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop)

said she was scared to come into the store because she drives an SUV," Macaulay says. "But we're just happy she came in."

Going green doesn't make your life more complicated; it's about simplifying. By making small

changes you can save water and electricity, buy necessities less often, live healthier and help protect the environment.

Macaulay and Johnson learned a lot about simplicity when they lived in Azerbaijan, and other places overseas. "We'd see people live more simply, and to them it's a way of life," says Macaulay. Johnson had a pair of shoes with holes in the bottom and threw them in the trash, thinking they were useless. But a woman who cared for their home asked if she could have them. "It's about finding a use for everything," Macaulay says. "We wanted to apply what we learned when we came home and try to influence others."

We walked with them

through the store, which has solutions for every room of your home, and talked about simple, low-cost eco-changes that can make a big impact. You can build your eco-conscience gradually, and learn to love how easy it is—and how good it feels—to go green.

## Ways you're already green

### ● You get your coffee from Starbucks.

The company may be super-corporate, but they offer Fair Trade coffees, which ensure that coffee farmers are paid a fair price, and invest in social programs in coffee-growing communities. If you prefer supporting non-chain coffee shops, ask them to offer Fair Trade selections.



### ● You download music to an MP3 player.

Have you stopped buying CDs? You're already cutting waste.

### ● You buy or sell on eBay.

You get rid of stuff you don't need without trashing it, and you reduce the amount of packaging used to make new products.

● **You don't rinse before putting dishes in the dishwasher.** Consumer Reports tests show rinsing first doesn't improve cleaning. By skipping this step, you'll save up to 20 gallons of water per load, or 6,500 gallons per year.

### GREEN GLOSSARY

Being "green" means being aware of your responsibility to the environment and to the community. Here are other common green terms and their meanings:

● **Organic:** Organic food is produced by farmers who place an emphasis on renewable resources and soil and water conservation, and use minimal pesticides as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Organic meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products come from animals that are given no antibiotics or growth hormones. The term "organic" must be certified by the USDA. Visit [www.ams.usda.gov/nop](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop) for more information.

● **Fair Trade:** Fair Trade helps family farmers in developing countries gain direct access to international markets, allowing them to compete fairly and receive a fair price. This also deters cost-cutting practices that diminish

quality. Look for the fair trade certification on products, and visit [www.transfairusa.org](http://www.transfairusa.org) for information.

### ● Shade grown: If you buy

Fair Trade certified coffee, tea and chocolate, it is usually shade-grown. This means that the products you buy provide shelter for migratory birds and help reduce global warming.

● **Sustainable:** A method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged.

● **Biodegradable:** The product has the ability to break down, safely and relatively quickly, by biological means, into raw materials of nature and disappear into the environment.

### TAKE IT BACK

We can't all be green all the time, but there are ways to offset the damage we do. TerraPass ([www.terrapass.com](http://www.terrapass.com)) helps reverse the global warming impact of your car's CO2 emissions. You pay a certain amount a year (\$29.95 for a hybrid, \$49.95 for a standard size vehicle, \$79.95 for an SUV), which helps fund clean energy projects that reduce industrial carbon dioxide emissions. You even get a windshield sticker to show others your do-gooder side.

### WHAT'S YOUR IMPACT?

Visit [www.myfootprint.org](http://www.myfootprint.org) and fill in your information, such as ZIP code. The site does the calculations to tell you how big an ecological footprint you're leaving on the Earth. In other words, how many acres of land are you using up? The results may surprise you.

## Steps you can take in your home

### LAUNDRY ROOM

**OLD WAY:** Regular laundry detergent

**NEW WAY:** Green laundry detergent

**WHY?** Most regular detergents are petroleum-based and contain chemicals that are discharged into our water system, which can harm aquatic life. Green detergents such as Seventh Generation and Ecover are nontoxic and made with plant-based, biodegradable ingredients, saving oil for other uses.

**COST:** Green detergents also use fewer fillers, so you don't need to use as much per load of laundry, Macaulay says. Select mass-merchandisers carry a selection of green cleaning products.

### LIVING ROOM

**OLD WAY:** Incandescent light bulbs

**NEW WAY:** Compact fluorescent light bulbs

**WHY?** According to Energy Star, a government-backed program that helps people protect the environment through energy efficiency, compact fluorescent light bulbs use 86 percent less energy than a standard incandescent bulb and last up to 10 times longer. They also are cooler to the touch.

**COST:** Replacing a 100-watt incandescent with a 23-watt compact fluorescent bulb can save you about \$20 in energy costs over about three years, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

### KITCHEN

**OLD WAY:** White coffee filters

**NEW WAY:** A reusable coffee filter

**WHY?** Bleached coffee filters release dioxin, a poisonous toxin, into your coffee because the paper is bleached with chlorine, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Look for unbleached or recycled filters or switch to a permanent nylon, stainless steel or gold-plated metal filter to save paper.

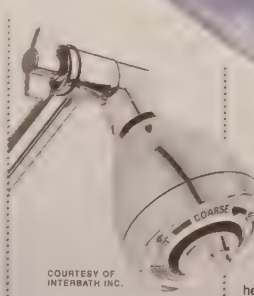
**COST:** Bleached white filters cost about 1 cent each, but a permanent coffee filter (most about \$9.99) will last for a long time.

**OLD WAY:** Running your faucet while you wash dishes

**NEW WAY:** Installing an aerator

**WHY?** Aerators mix air into water, which cuts water flow and reduces splashing. However, it won't deprive you of strong water pressure.

**COST:** Aerators can cost as little as \$2, and they reduce water flow from the faucet to 1.5 gallons per minute, cutting water usage by about 50 percent. Aerators are available at home supply stores and online.



### BATHROOM

**OLD WAY:** Regular showerhead

**NEW WAY:** Low-flow showerhead

**WHY?** Showers account for 32 percent of home water use, according to the National Resources Defense Council. Low-flow showerheads (similar to faucet aerators) deliver no more than 2.5 gallons per minute compared to standard showerheads, which release about 4.5 gallons per minute.

**COST:** A family of four using low-flow showerheads can save about 20,000 gallons of water a year, according to the council.

### GARDEN

**OLD WAY:** Gas lawnmower

**NEW WAY:** Push lawnmower

**WHY?** Push lawnmowers aren't new, but they're healthier for you and the environment. You don't have to buy gas, you get more exercise, and you don't pollute the air or your lungs.

**COST:** A push mower is available at Target, Home Depot and elsewhere for about \$90, while gas lawnmowers cost about \$200 to \$400 (not including gas).

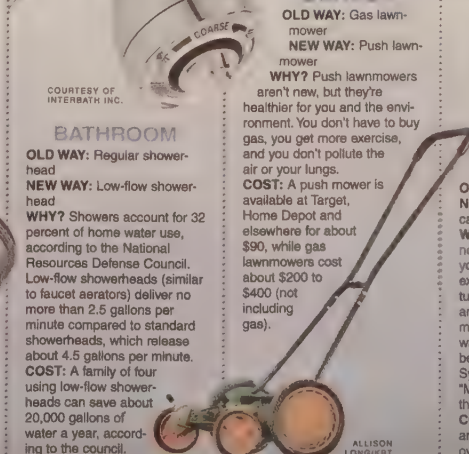
### OFFICE

**OLD WAY:** Pay bills by mail

**NEW WAY:** Pay bills electronically

**WHY?** It saves paper. There's no need to be wary of doing your business online, say experts at Symantec, manufacturer of internet security and anti-virus software. The risk is minimal if you keep your software updated. "You shouldn't be overly concerned," says Symantec's Bill Rosenkrantz. "Most banks are protecting themselves better, too."

**COST:** You'll save on stamps and on time spent hunched over the shredder.







THE COZY LOOK of a traditional kitchen is achieved by warmer wood tones and visible accessories.



SLEEK, MODERN LINES are preferred by people who like their gadgets out of sight.

## Kitchen psychology 101: When remodeling your kitchen, you should be true to yourself — not the trends

It's time to remodel your kitchen and you've taken time to start tearing pictures out of magazines, start calculating your budget, interviewing designers and picking a color scheme, right?

Wrong, according to many designers, who say customers often dive right into the details of their remodels, before they stop to really know themselves, their needs or how they really use their kitchens.

"The kitchen is the heart of the home... and that's what it's really about... your heart, your family," said Ellen Cheever, ASID, a well-known kitchen designer, industry educator and writer for Kitchen and Bath Design News. "People tend to get too focused on that certain cherry cabinet, or that particular granite countertop when they're planning for a remodel. Before they do all that, they should be asking themselves how they want the kitchen to feel when they are done. It may seem like a silly question, but it's the key to getting it right,"

she added.

If you ask yourself the really hard questions first, smaller questions like what kind of cabinet storage or appliance to buy will just fall into place, say designers. Before you sign those home equity loan papers, ask yourself these questions:

What mood do you want to set? Do you prefer the serenity of a modern, sleek kitchen, or the happy, cozy clutter of a more traditional kitchen? How you answer will determine which path you take at this important design crossroads.

"You can get a good sense for how different kitchens might feel by visiting our Web site, [www.decoracabinets.com](http://www.decoracabinets.com), where you can build your dream kitchen right online," said Jan Aufderhar, marketing executive for Decora Cabinets, a line of high-end, semi-custom cabinetry sold through a network of 1,000 dealers nationwide. "You can experiment with a lot of different looks, doorstyles and finishes. For instance, we've developed new lines of very modern, Euro-style cabinets

that have very clean lines. When you decide on that, other decisions become easier. Customers who like the modern look are also very likely to invest in our interior cabinet storage products that get the clutter out of sight, then choose glass tile backsplashes, steel or glass front appliances and stained concrete floors, to continue the streamlined look" Aufderhar said.

Customers who like the warm and cozy look are buying traditional cabinets, and using accent cabinets

with painted red or black finishes for extra pop, Aufderhar said. Or, they are eliminating their soffits around the upper cabinets, and using the tops of the cabinets to display their favorite plants and collectibles.

How much activity do you really want in your kitchen? "Nearly everyone says they want an 'open kitchen' today, where the great room, dining room and kitchen flow into each other. But you can design it to be so open that it can drive you

crazy," Cheever said. Do you want your kids or guests to chop vegetables right beside you? Then you need a "work around" island or counter space that's designed for more than one cook at a time. Would you rather have your guests just watch you cook while you entertain? Then you need a "barrier" island or counter — a taller counter space, perhaps with bar stools, which will allow your kitchen companions to stay close to the action, but out of your way, Cheever said.

Do you like to cook and entertain, or entertain without cooking? When you invite guests over, make every little thing from scratch or are you more likely to buy the main dish and fill in the potluck or items from the deli? "A lot of our customers are Generation X age and are telling us that they like gourmet food and entertaining, they are finding new

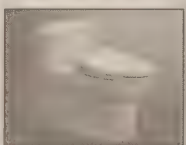
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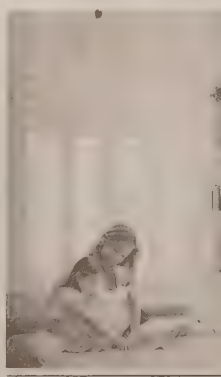
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...ective ways to do it," said ... "I think that's also feed- ... a trend towards not having so ... upper cabinets for storing ... and extra dishes. The cabinets ... do buy are likely to have spe- ... shelves and pullouts that make ... work harder with less space." ... you are a gourmet cook with ... cabinets, then investing in ... Butler's pantry, extra spice ... or wrought iron pot rack ... sense, Alderfer said. ... honest — are you a good ...? Do you leave crumbs ... counter and dishes in the ... are you a neatnik? How you ... should affect the materials ... use, Cheever said. "If you ... usually neat, then the sky's the ... but if you're not, there are ma- ... you should definitely avoid like ... with hard to clean grout, ... steel appliances that show ... fingerprint, and painted cabi- ... highlight every drip. Instead, ... wood tone cabinets, and stain- ... alternative finishes that ... show fingerprints," she said. ... what are your favorite things to ... do in the kitchen? Do you love to ... over the morning paper with ... of gourmet coffee? Then an ... in a built-in coffee maker ... special cabinets for storing your ... and coffees makes sense. Do ... to bake? Then putting in a ... red marble counter space just ... reading, outfitted underneath ... special drawers for your spe- ... baking pans, would be well ... the effort. Do your kids like to ... homework while you are making ... of gourmet coffee? Then a ... in a built-in coffee maker ... be the answer, with special ... for storing their backpacks. ... create your own personal ... zones," Cheever said. ... perhaps the most important ... to remember, experts agree, ... is only one right way to de- ... kitchen: your way. "Just be- ... other houses in your neigh- ... have granite counters ... mean you need them. ... you'd be happier spending ... money on a wine chiller or a ... ch. Put your money ... make all the right remodel- ... decisions," Cheever said. ... Courtesy of ARA Content.

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Participants will learn how to live more sustainably in urban environments and create mutually beneficial relationships with their neighbors. The series, taking place at the Alameda Point Collaborative, will share how-to and success stories about applications of permaculture's solutions-oriented approach to designing sustainable human systems.

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## The latest interior decorating trends

Interior Decorating trends change all the time. After attending several seminars and furniture shows I would like to share with you this year's trends. Here are the 2006/2007 trends at a glance.

### Color: There is a definite cooling trend

■ Blues and greens are reappearing. We can see them in lighting, throws and decorative accessories.

■ Neutrals are coming back as the paint color of choice. They come in pale beige, tans, mid tone camels and mochas. They are often paired with grey.

■ Like neutrals, blues have not been a focus of décor for some time.

### Furniture: Wood is big and plays an important part

■ The top three materials are mahogany, walnut and cherry woods.

■ We appreciate the grain more. Sometimes two woods are used together to bring more interest.

■ Rattan, bamboo, grass add an exotic touch to furniture that was never seen before.

■ There are also diamond patterns on dining room tables, coffee tables and consoles to name a few.

■ Mirror furniture such as chests, nesting tables with jewelry inspired hardware is the trend.

■ Metallic is everywhere to be seen.

■ Brass is used in hardware and is often seen in feet of furniture such as end or coffee tables, consoles and sometimes dining room tables as well.

■ Antique reproduction and French country style furniture are out.

■ But the combination of wood with jewelry is making a statement.



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■ You will see chests or commodes with glass or pearl knobs for example.

### Fabric: Glamour is the word.

■ Glamour fabrics feature velvet, silk Dupioni, brocade and fur. Alone or mixed with other materials they make a statement on the bed, in the bathrooms and in accessories.

■ Bath towels, bed linens and tablecloths have now velvet, metallic or even silk "appliqués".

■ We can find hand loomed silk or Jacquard towels, beaded placemats, silk napkins and fur bed covers.

■ Curtains are made with silk and velvet as well as brocade.

■ Upholstery fabrics are richer:

■ Many textile companies such as "Nobilis," "Dedar," "Giant" to name a few offer a range of different upholstery fabrics in silk, velvet and mohair.

### Accessories are also glamorous

■ Lampshades, duvet covers, accent pillows are made of fur, wool, cashmere, supple leather and boucle.

■ Everything that is plain, simple or big is no longer. Cold and modern is gone too.

■ Smaller is better. Elegant and rich is in.

See SOPHIE, Page B4

## Earth Day electronic waste collection events scheduled this month

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Universal Waste Management, a state-approved collector for electronic waste, has scheduled consumer drop-off dates as part of Earth Day observances. The collections are in Concord and Orinda.

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If you are one of the 77 million computer users in the United States, chances are you occasionally suffer from tired and burning eyes, dry eyes, headaches, double or blurred vision, color distortion, eye strain or a loss of vision focus. And, if you are one of the millions of people who wear contact lenses, your symptoms can be even worse and more frequent.

What you may not realize is that some of these symptoms of what is called Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS) may be alleviated thanks to recent improvements in contact lens care and eye care.

"When people use computers, their blinking rate slows down dramatically," says Dr. Jenny Smythe of the Pacific University College of Optometry. "Less blinking means less natural tears

across the surface of the eyes. This dryness is a contributing factor to CVS."

Dr. Smythe suggests following these tips to protect yourself from developing CVS:

### Take a break

"The easiest thing to do is to simply take a break," says Dr. Smythe. "Prolonged, continual computer use is the single biggest risk factor in developing the symptoms associated with CVS. You should take frequent rests, approximately every 15 to 30 minutes to avoid eyestrain — even if it's just looking away from your computer and focusing on something else in the distance."

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## Get ready to put your best 'feet' forward

ARA

If you've already begun to dream of being barefoot on the beach, or showing off your pedicure in spring's hottest new sandals, the time to start prepping your feet is now, before summer comes.

Last winter's cold weather took a particular toll on the feet. And while you might think that covering them up protects them from the elements of rain, sleet and snow, in fact, the damp weather, combined with cold temperatures and dry indoor heat, all add up to a potentially harsh combination for feet.

### Things to consider

Feet need more care in cold weather, not less, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association.

■ Dry, cold conditions dry out feet, leading to cracking, especially on the heels. Indoor heating exacerbates this problem. Dry, cracked heels provide an opening for fungus to enter, in addition to their unsightly appearance. To make matters worse, the skin on the soles of the feet contain no oil glands to lubricate and soften, so moisturizing is critical.

■ Poor fitting boots can make such cracking worse, and also lead to friction on the foot, which causes corns and calluses.

■ It's also hard to keep feet dry when outside during cold weather — from sweating in heavy socks to walking in rain or snow — creating a breeding ground for odor and bacteria.

The reality is people, and women

Damp weather, combined with cold temperatures and dry indoor heat, all add up to a potentially harsh combination for feet.

In general, don't provide much thought to preventative foot wellness — only to taking care of unsightly foot problems after they develop. But, this year, with just a little bit of care, you can keep your feet in tip top shape and get a great jump start on their "unveiling" once the warmer weather rolls around again. Here are some tips on how to get your feet ready for their spring unveiling:

■ Give your feet a little extra love. Soak them in lukewarm water (not too hot) and smooth away rough skin with a pumice stone (not too hard on your skin) and a few drops of softening oil is recommended.

Exfoliating your feet is a preventative measure for dry

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## Sophie

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### Juvenile trend

■ The colors this year are in the pastels palette.

■ The pink for girls and blue for boys are out. Lavender, lilac and yellow are the favorites and are used in girls' as well as in boys' rooms.

### Furniture: Country reigns for the young ones

■ Pine is huge in juvenile furniture and is the wood of choice this year.

■ Modern is no longer seen. Romantic furniture for girls is reappearing.

■ Soft white is now a basic color for juvenile furniture. But it is challenged by red, blue and pink.

Dual usage and storage is a constant need for kid's furniture so innovations are cropping up.

■ Drawers are at foot of beds instead of side of beds.

■ Space saving: As real estate prices keep going up, space saving has gained in popularity. Most young couples live in smaller apartments or homes and need more storage options.

■ Corner beds are making an entrance and are the trend too.

■ Open shelves replace drawers.

### Fabric: There is more texture

■ There is a "mélange" (mix) of textures, yarns, weaves and braids in the juvenile world of fabrics. We can find more braided rugs for example.

■ For girls: Sheer and satin fabrics are used for curtains.

■ Bed linens and duvet covers are more interesting. For both girls and boys patchwork and quilts play an important role.

### Accessories: Fun is the word

■ Accessories are more fun and colorful.

■ Lined bamboo baskets, yellow or red metal buckets are used to store toys.

■ Lampshades, accent pillows and rugs are in many different shapes and colors.

■ Look for theme oriented lamps, pillows and rugs, such as baseball shaped table lamps or pillows, siren or sunflower shaped lamps and rugs and more.

■ For the younger ones: Star wars characters or Harry Potter pillows, duvet cover and bed linens are the trend.

All in all there is more creativity and innovations, therefore for you, the consumer, there are more choices and options. Remember to select what is right for you. As I always say: "Your house should be a reflection of you and who you are."

Happy decorating!

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After you thoroughly dry your feet, treat them to a massage. Use a foot file to remove dead skin. Then use a cream specifically formulated for feet, such as *Howl Rescue Superior Moisturizing Foot Cream*, made by ProFoot Products.

Corns and calluses are caused by added friction in a shoe. Combine this friction with the socks from the bad weather, and the sliding around your foot can lead to an improperly fitting boot, and the chances of your feet looking less than desirable are increased. To keep your foot firmly in your shoe or boot use an insole, such as "the 2 ounce Miracle." This light-weight insole is made of advanced memory foam that gently positions the foot in a boot to prevent friction and the development of corns and calluses.

The harsh winter weather can lead to dry, brittle nails. Just like your skin, your nails need extra moisturization, especially in addition to a pedicure, where harsh polish removers can do further damage. Moisturize your nails regularly with a product specially formulated for the job, such as ProFoot's Nail Saver.

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## Eyes

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### Care and wear correctly

"Many contact lens wearers assume all contact lens solutions are alike, but recent advances in lens care technology can make a big difference in the comfort of your lenses," says Dr. Smythe.

"Not all contact solutions are compatible with every type of lens, so many people who experience dry, uncomfortable eyes may be using the wrong contact lens solution."

Dr. Smythe advises anyone who experiences discomfort while wearing contact lenses, whether they use a computer or not, to speak with their eye care professional.

"Your eye care professional has the latest information on ways to keep your lenses comfortable. I recommend my patients use a new contact lens solution, OPTI-FREE Replenish Multi-Purpose Disinfecting Solution, which is compatible with the new silicone hydrogel lenses and soft contact lenses. Clinical studies have shown that it can enhance comfortable lens wear."

Adjusting the colors on your monitor can also help sharpen clarity. Larger, dark letters on a light background works best for most computer users and reduces eye-strain.

### Lighten up

Be aware of the lighting in the workspace. Office spaces are often too bright and fluorescent lighting should be avoided when possible. Use desk lamps to help soften the contrast of lighting and monitor brightness.

### Visit your eye care professional

"The most important tip," says Dr. Smythe, "is to visit your eye doctor regularly, especially if you think you're experiencing any of the symptoms related to CVS. Your eye doctor can help you take other necessary steps to eliminate CVS."

For more information, visit [www.opti-free.com](http://www.opti-free.com).

The American Optometric Association advises workers to keep computer monitors 16 to 30 inches from their eyes and tilted at a 10 to 20 degree angle. The top of the monitor should sit horizontally at eye level.

Adjusting the colors on your monitor can also help sharpen clarity. Larger, dark letters on a light background works best for most computer users and reduces eye-strain.

### Lighten up

Be aware of the lighting in the workspace. Office spaces are often too bright and fluorescent lighting should be avoided when possible. Use desk lamps to help soften the contrast of lighting and monitor brightness.

### Visit your eye care professional

"The most important tip," says Dr. Smythe, "is to visit your eye doctor regularly, especially if you think you're experiencing any of the symptoms related to CVS. Your eye doctor can help you take other necessary steps to eliminate CVS."

For more information, visit [www.opti-free.com](http://www.opti-free.com).

## When shops have gone to the dogs

BY MARY DELACH LEONARD  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ST. LOUIS — At Henry Plumbing Supply, Mr. Becker is always nosing around the place, checking here and there — often sitting right down next to customers as they meet with the sales staff to order shiny new faucets and toilets and sinks.

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"Watch this," said Murray Fishman, who owns the business, as Mr. Becker, a well-groomed wad of tan and white fur, bounced over to a sales desk and eased himself next to a customer's chair. Soon, the man was stroking Mr. Becker's thick coat.

Fishman beamed. "That's what Beck does. He just wanders over to people and, soon, one of their hands will drop down to the side. Everybody pets him. They don't even realize it."

For people who run their own businesses, one of the perks is that they can bring their four-legged pals to work every day. Fishman has been doing this for years. In addition to Mr. Becker, there is Cubby, an energetic 90-pound hunk of



RUSTY, AN AUSTRALIAN SHEPARD, likes to keep an eye on traffic at Mavric Jewelry Boutique.

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By David Chee, Certified Public Accountant

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# SCHOOLS, CAMPS & CHILDCARE



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competed last week and won - first place - in the Grand National Rodeo at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. The Color Guard units, a set of four riders in matching uniforms, carrying flags demonstrate before judges in a performance of specific riding patterns. They are judged on their precision, uniformity and spotless presentation. Of the three units representing our "Amigos," all of them won first or second place. After winning on Saturday, the Amigos returned on Monday to compete in a full drill performance, winning two second place positions.

Every young rider that rode to winning ribbons last week started as campers here at Castle Rock Arabians. These are the campers who stayed with us long after the summer was just a memory. Their love of horses kept them riding and they continued to develop their skills. Along with better riding skills, they gained confidence and the determination to succeed. They practiced weekly and participated in advanced riding instruction.

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## Walnut Creek Sports Association

The primary goal of The WCSA summer camps is to develop character, confidence, leadership, teamwork and friendship through a high adventure, fun filled program. Our counselors and support staff recognize that kids today have many different physical, emotional and developmental challenges and we actively work to bring out the best in each child while gently challenging them to improve and better themselves as individuals. Our staff takes the time to know and understand the challenges and needs of each child and we develop individual programs to meet those needs within the framework of the great program.

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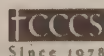
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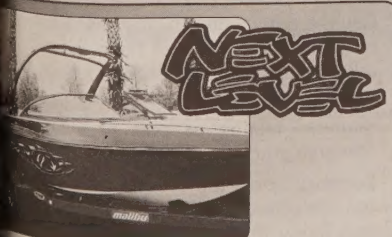


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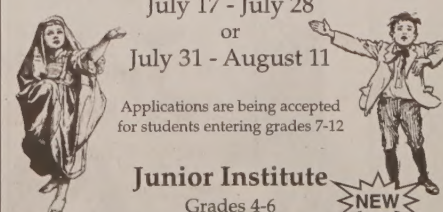
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## Dogs

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black Lab and whatnot who likes to greet customers at the door of his St. Louis shop.

Fishman says the dogs add personality to the business his father, the late Henry Fishman, started in 1946. Henry Fishman had his own trademark: He used to keep a piano in the store and invited customers to play.

"I'm second-generation, and that's a tough act to follow," Murray said.

Instead, he has chosen to let the place go to the you-know-whats.

Open the door and meet the shop dogs.

At the upscale Mavrik jewelry boutique in Clayton, Mo., Rusty, a red tricolor Australian shepherd, greets customers when he isn't napping behind the sales counter. Rusty is the pride and joy of shop owners Rebecca and Igal Alon.

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ST. LOUIS DISPATCH

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Dogs

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...there are — count 'em — four-legged sales helpers, with their names Sam serving as their statesman. Sam is so well-known, his photo is posted on the Web site.

These are not the junkyard dogs of your grandparents' generation. Shop dogs are well-mannered and by schmoozing with strangers. Take boxers Chilly and Big Boy, who hang out at shops run by Nagle and Allison Babcock: Babcock's Common Sense and Nagle's Home Brewing Supplies in St. Louis, Ill., and the William James Trading Co. in Maryville, Ill. Chilly and Big Boy have been to obedience school and have been trained around people, Nagle said. They don't spend their days in a kennel or home alone while people are at work.

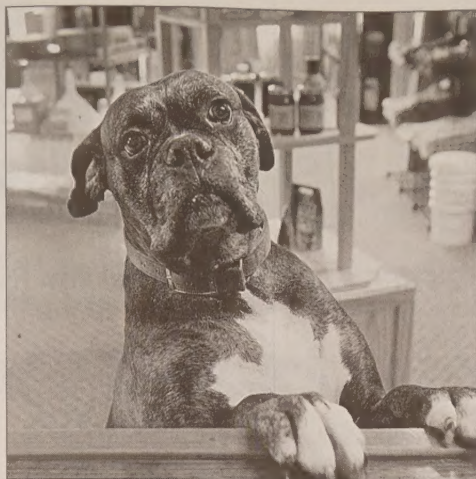
"I want to be around our dogs and day out," Nagle said. "Our customers just love them. We have a lot of customers who come in just to see the dogs."

Pick Flowers in St. Louis, a 60-pound chocolate stand-poodle, leaves smudges on the door, where he keeps his pressed while watching the by. Smaller nose prints, just off the floor, belong to his Meyer, a long-haired dach-

shund and Meyer not only keep proprietor Clint Lunn company often draw people into the store — which has a "Dog-By" sign posted on the door. Lunn loves having Charlie and around, though he acknowledges that not everyone does.

Some people might not come that's all right," Lunn said. "I like flowers like dogs."

Ruppel, owner of Wolfgang Pet Stop, said the shop is for the German shepherd mix napping in the front window on a leopard print bed when not begging customers for a



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**BIG BOY, A 7-YEAR-OLD BOXER,** fills in at the counter at William James Trading Company.

Wolfgang was the inspiration for the store. After Ruppel and her husband adopted him, she decided that the neighborhood needed a pet store, so she quit her job as a schoolteacher and started the business.

"We say Wolfgang went from the streets to owning his own shop," Ruppel said.

She believes that shop dogs are a natural outgrowth of how society's attitudes toward dogs have changed.

"Now the trends are that they're no longer second-class citizens but are part of the family. When you bond with a dog, your life will be changed," Ruppel said. "I just wish dogs had a longer life span."

Shop dogs can become so identifiable that when they die, customers often miss them almost as much as their people do, business owners say.

Nagle said people still ask about Rosco. The boxer was the official greeter at his Belleville store until he died last fall at 10 years old. Rosco was Big Boy's daddy.

"Rosco worked his entire last day. We turned out the lights, and he went to lie down and had a heart attack," Nagle said. "But he had a good life."

Fishman won some notoriety a few years back when he "misplaced" Ellie, a corgi and Mr. Becker's mother. Fishman estimates that he spent \$10,000 searching for Ellie. He bought radio commercials to air during Cardinals baseball games, and he hired a pet detective.

Though Fishman did get Ellie back, she later died. Even now, he said, people come to the store and ask about her — and then relate their own pet tales.

"Everybody wants to tell me a story," Fishman said. "This business has been around for 60 years, but that's how they know us."

Fishman said it's not unusual to see entire families visit Henry Plumbing Supply.

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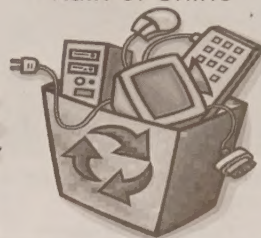


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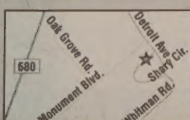
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